WEDNESDAY
October 12, 2022

BENGALURU
CITY EDITION
20 Pages ₹ 6.00

THE HINDU

www.thehindu.com

INDIA'S NATIONAL NEWSPAPER SINCE 1878

FOLLOW US
facebook.com/thehindu
twitter.com/the_hindu
instagram.com/the_hindu

Vol.53 • No.241

Printed at » Chennai » Coimbatore » Bengaluru » Hyderabad » Madurai » Noida » Visakhapatnam » Thiruvananthapuram » Kochi » Vijayawada » Mangaluru » Tiruchirapalli » Kolkata » Hubballi » Mohali » Malappuram » Mumbai » Tirupati » Lucknow » Cuttack » Patna

BLUESTONE

Love
is in
the
little things.

EXQUISITELY DESIGNED RANGE OF
WATCH JEWELLERY

Flat 50% off*
Making Charges
*T&C Apply

140+ Stores Nationwide 140+ STORES

100% Certified Jewellery

Lifetime Exchange & Buyback

Locate a store near you

9000+ designs on www.bluestone.com

For franchise enquiries, contact 8591448501 or franchiseenquiry@bluestone.com

WEDNESDAY
October 12, 2022

BENGALURU
CITY EDITION
20 Pages ₹ 6.00

THE HINDU

www.thehindu.com

INDIA'S NATIONAL NEWSPAPER SINCE 1878

FOLLOW US
facebook.com/thehindu
twitter.com/the_hindu
instagram.com/the_hindu

Vol.53 • No.241

Printed at » Chennai » Coimbatore » Bengaluru » Hyderabad » Madurai » Noida » Visakhapatnam » Thiruvananthapuram » Kochi » Vijayawada » Mangaluru » Tiruchirapalli » Kolkata » Hubballi » Mohali » Malappuram » Mumbai » Tirupati » Lucknow » Cuttack » Patna

LABOUR CODES

Centre, trade unions fail to reach consensus

NEWS » PAGE 12

G7 MEET

Russia fires missile salvo on Ukraine

WORLD » PAGE 15

GREEN CONNECT

Guterres to take part in Modi's LiFE event

NEWS » PAGE 14

GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

Policymaking needs change

Governments across the world are unable to find fair solutions

EDITORIAL » PAGE 10

CLINCHING IT

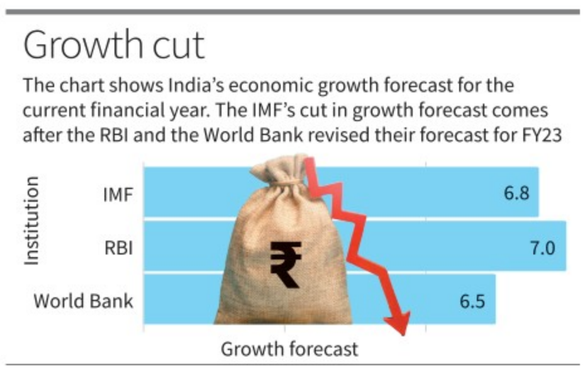
Kuldeep spins India to series win against SA

SPORT » PAGE 17

IMF cuts India's growth forecast to 6.8% this year

The Fund cites Ukraine war, record-high inflation and effects of pandemic as key reasons; it expects inflation in the country to return to the tolerance band in the fiscal year 2023-24

Sriram Lakshman
WASHINGTON DC



The world, including India, will experience an overall slowdown in the next year owing to the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war, tightening monetary conditions globally, the highest inflation in decades, and lingering effects of the pandemic, according to the International Monetary Fund.

India is projected to grow at 6.8% in the current fiscal year, following 8.7% growth in fiscal year that ended March 31 as per figures released in the IMF's October 2022 *World Economic Outlook: Countering the Cost-of-Living Crisis* at the start of the World Bank IMF Annual Meetings here.

Growth rate for this year for India has been revised downward by 0.6 percentage points relative to the IMF's June 2022 forecast, following a weaker output in the second quarter, and subdued external demand, the IMF said. The forecast for the next fiscal year remains unaltered at 6.1%.

"India has been doing fairly well in 2022 and is expected to continue growing fairly robustly in 2023," the IMF's chief economist, Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas said at a press briefing in Washington on Tuesday morning.

Inflation above target

Inflation in India was above the RBI's target, Mr. Gourinchas said, adding that the fiscal and monetary policy should be "probably be on the tightening side". The IMF has projected 6.9% consumer price inflation this year and 5.1% next year.

The IMF expects inflation in India to return to the inflation tolerance band... in fiscal year 2023-24, "and additional monetary tightening is going to ensure that that happens", IMF economist Daniel Leigh said at the briefing.

For the world as a whole, growth will slow down from 6.0% in 2021 to 3.2% in 2022 and 2.7% in 2023. This is reflective of a U.S. GDP contraction in first half of 2022, a Euro Area contraction in second half, extended COVID-19 outbreaks in China and a property sector crisis.

CONTINUED ON
» PAGE 12

'Human sacrifice' in Kerala: two women killed, couple among three persons held

M.P. Praveen
KOCHI

P. Satheedevi, Chairperson of Kerala State Women's Commission, with police officials near the crime site at Elanthoor. LEJU KAMAL

Two women were killed within months of each other in a case of "human sacrifice" by three persons at Elanthoor in Pathanamthitta district of Kerala.

The overnight interrogation of the accused – Mohammad Shafi, alias Rasheed, a resident of Perumbavur in Ernakulam, and a couple, Bhagaval Singh and Laila of Elanthoor – by the Kochi City Police led to the revelation of the twin murders.

The bodies, hacked into pieces, were exhumed from the property of the couple. The Kochi City Police recorded the arrest of the three accused.

Padmam, a lottery vendor from Ponnurunni in Ernakulam, and Rosli, a resident of Kalady, near Angamaly, were suspected to have been brutally murdered as part of an occult rite for the prosperity of the couple.

Both women had been missing, leading to registration of cases by the Kadavanthra Police in Kochi city and the Kalady Police in Ernakulam Rural.

The accused were taken into custody in connection with the case registered by the Kadavanthra Police. It was during interrogation that the accused confessed to have "sacrificed" another woman in a similar manner months ago.

While Padmam was murdered in the last week of September, Rosli was killed in June, said C.H. Nagaraju, District Police Chief (Kochi City).

CONTINUED ON
» PAGE 12

VILLAGES SHOCKED
» PAGE 9

NEARBY

CM begins State tour; trains guns on Rahul's yatra

GILLESUGURU
Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday commenced the State tour of Jana Sankalpa Yatre that seeks to drum up support for the BJP ahead of 2023 Assembly polls.

KARNATAKA
» PAGE 8

BU students continue stir

BENGALURU
Even as BU students continued their protest demanding a ban on entry of private vehicles inside the campus, two more accidents were reported inside the campus on Tuesday.

BENGALURU
» PAGE 2

OPPORTUNITIES » PAGE 3

Justice Muralidhar left out of transfer list

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Tuesday remained silent on a Supreme Court Collegium recommendation to transfer Orissa High Court Chief Justice, S. Muralidhar, as the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court.

However, it went ahead and notified the transfer of Justice Pankaj Mithal, the Chief Justice of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, to head the Rajasthan High Court.

CONTINUED ON
» PAGE 12

Ola, Uber to stop auto services from today; aggregators to apply for licence

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Such auto services cannot be provided until aggregators get licence, says official.

Ola and Uber have agreed to stop auto services with effect from Wednesday and apply for licences to aggregate autos on their mobile app platform during a meeting with the government, Transport Commissioner T.H.M. Kumar has said.

"Ola, Uber and Rapido representatives took part in the meeting. Ola and Uber have agreed to apply for licences. We are hoping that Rapido will also come forward to apply. Until they receive a licence, auto services cannot be provided on their platforms. During the meeting, we told the representatives that existing taxi aggregators rules do not permit mobile app-based auto services," said the commissioner.

The official said that once the taxi aggregators submit the application seeking licence, a proposal will be sent to the State government for formation of rules to allow autos services on aggregators' rules. "At the State level, the taxi aggregators' rules need to be modified. Fares rules will be decided at the State government level," said the commissioner.

The official maintained that if the aggregators continue to violate the rules, the cyber police will be approached to disable the feature of providing auto services on their mobile. The official said that a penalty of over ₹5,000 per vehicle can be imposed if the aggregators violate rules. "We will not penalize any auto drivers, instead the taxi aggregators will be held responsible," he said.

When asked why the department failed to take action against the taxi aggregators for running "illegal business" all these years, the commissioner cited a case is pending before the High Court. "As per the order of the court, no coercive action could be initiated against the aggregators," the commissioner said.

Exorbitant fares

The department had issued notices to aggregators on October 6 asking them to immediately stop auto services and reply to the notices in three days. Aggregators were accused of charging exorbitant fares for providing auto services.

Special occasion

Sikh devotees arrive to pray to mark the birth anniversary of the fourth Sikh Guru Ram Das at the Golden Temple in Amritsar on Tuesday. AFP

Two killed as heavy rain brings down building in Bengaluru

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The rain left key arterial roads inundated which led to traffic snarls through the day in various parts of the city. FILE PHOTO

Heavy rain that lashed some parts of Bengaluru in the early hours of Tuesday killed two labourers and left three others injured, after an old building they were sleeping in collapsed near Hoodi circle in Mahadevapura .

A rescue team from the Mahadevapura division pulled out the labourers trapped inside the building. While two of them, identified as Zainuddin and Arman, were found dead, the other three escaped with minor injuries. The victims are all natives of Bihar, said the police.

The police said that they were demolishing the old structure to renovate the residential building and the victims were sleeping on the ground floor when the roof collapsed on them owing to heavy rains.

Though the incident occurred at around 5.30 a.m. it came to light three hours later when the other workers went to the site. The Mahadevapura police have taken up a case of death due to negligence against the owner and the company for investigation.

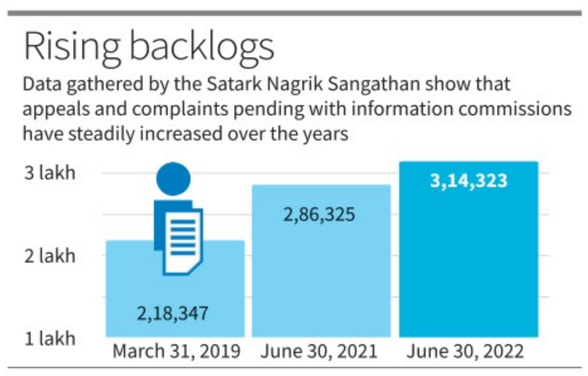
Meanwhile, the rain left key arterial roads inundated which led to traffic snarls through the day in various parts of the city. There was flooding on the roads in Yelahanka, Kadubeesanahalli after storm water drains (SWD) overflowed and flooded streets, according to Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials.

With water levels not receding even the next day, civic, traffic and fire officials had to deploy motors to pump out water. "Our officers and staff in Kadubeesanahalli are pumping water out with the help of a generator and pump," said a Traffic Police from HAL traffic police station.

CONTINUED ON
» PAGE 2

Three lakh and counting: RTI pleas pile up at information commissions

Sreeparna Chakrabarty
NEW DELHI



A good 17 years after India got the Right to Information (RTI) Act, the transparency regime in the country remains a mirage with nearly 3.15 lakh complaints and appeals pending with 26 information commissions across India.

According to a report by Satark Nagrik Sangathan, backlog of appeals or complaints is increasing in commissions every year.

The number of appeals and complaints pending in 2019, from data obtained from 26 information commissions was 2,18,347. In 2020, the number climbed up to 2,33,384 with data obtained from 23 information commissions, in 2021 the number was 2,86,325 with data from 26 commissions and in 2022, it was 3,14,323.

The highest number of pending cases was in Maharashtra at 99,722, followed by Uttar Pradesh at 44,482, Karnataka at 30,358, the Central Information Commission at 26,724 and Bihar at 21,346.

Commissions in trouble

The report says two information commissions– Jharkhand and Tripura– out of 29 across the country have been completely defunct for 29 months and 15 months respectively. Manipur, Telangana, West Bengal and Andhra Pradesh are without chiefs at the moment. Only 5% of the all positions in commissions are being occupied by women. Also, several information commissions, including the Central Information Commission, are working at reduced capacity with less than the stipulated number of members being in office.

Under RTI law, information commissions are the final appellate authority and are mandated to safeguard and facilitate people's right to information.

CONTINUED ON
» PAGE 12

Text&Context

THE HINDU

NEWS IN NUMBERS

Posts of information commissioners remain vacant across country

40 The number of posts of information commissioners vacant in India against the sanctioned strength of 165, while Gujarat and Jharkhand are working without Chief Information Commissioners (CICs), according to an official report. Less than 5% of the posts of information commissioners are occupied by women, the report added. PTI

Training field-level officers of Bangladesh civil service in India

1,800 The number of civil servants from Bangladesh to be trained by India by 2025, according to a statement by the Personnel Ministry. The two-week, 53rd capacity building programme in the field administration for the civil servants was inaugurated on Tuesday at National Centre for Good Governance at Mussoorie. PTI

Floods in three major districts as heavy rain lashes Assam

33,836 The number of people to be affected by inundation due to heavy rain in various parts of Assam and adjoining Arunachal Pradesh, according to Assam State Disaster Management Authority. Dhemaji, Lakhimpur and Dibrugarh are the districts most affected by the rains in the State. PTI

Jal Jeevan mission can reduce deaths among children under five

1.36 In lakh, the number of under-five child deaths per year that could be prevented if the Jal Jeevan Mission, which aims to provide safe and adequate drinking water tap connections to rural India by 2024, succeeds, according to a paper published by the University of Chicago and co-authored by Nobel laureate Michael Kramer. PTI

The number of deaths rises as Iran's mass protests continue

185 The number of people to have been killed, including 19 minors, in the mass protests across Iran caused by the death of Mahsa Amini, according to human rights groups. According to the Iranian government, more than 20 security forces were killed. Iranian journalist Niloofar Hamedi was the latest of the 28 journalists arrested in the crackdown. Reuters

Follow us facebook.com/thehindu twitter.com/the_hindu instagram.com/the_hindu

The Ashoka Vijaya Dashami controversy

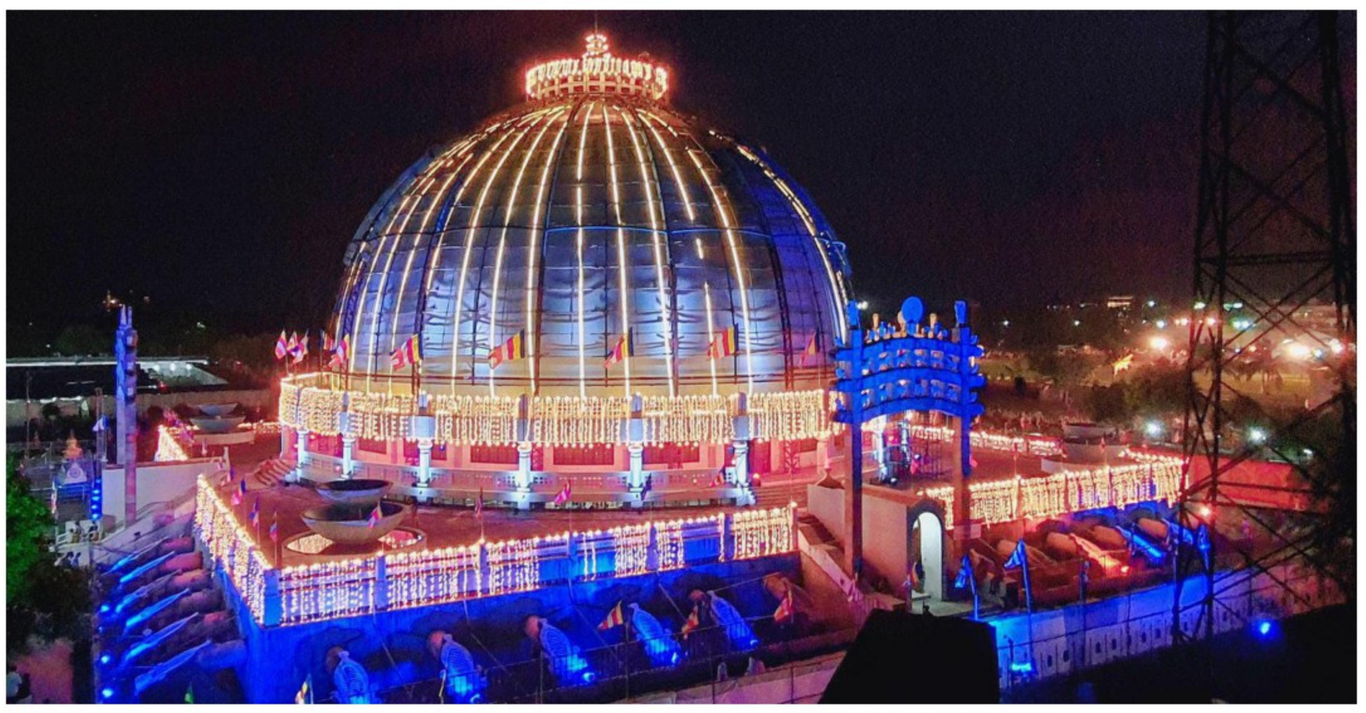
Why did Aam Aadmi Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam attending a Buddhist Conversion Day event create uproar? What is the history of the Day and how is Ambedkar linked to the event? What are the rituals followed and what do they signify?

EXPLAINER

Harish S. Wankhede

The story so far:

On October 5, Mission Jai Bhim and The Buddhist Society of India organised a public meeting in Delhi to commemorate Buddhist Conversion Day. Every year Dussehra is also celebrated as Ashoka Vijaya Dashami to commemorate Buddhist Conversion day. On October 14, 1956, B. R. Ambedkar along with more than half a million followers had embraced Buddhism in Nagpur, Maharashtra. This year, a Minister in the Aam Aadmi government in Delhi, Rajendra Pal Gautam, participated in the event in his personal capacity. Along with the thousands of people assembled, he recited the 22 vows, which is part of the ritual. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) objected to Mr. Gautam's presence at the event and his recitation of the vows. He was accused of spreading anti-Hindu sentiments. The BJP sought the resignation of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and following the uproar, Mr. Gautam resigned on October 9.



A blue wave: The Deekshabhoomi illuminated on the eve of the 66th Buddhist Conversion Day, in Nagpur on October 4. PTI

Are the 22 vows controversial?

Modern history has admired Ambedkar as a revolutionary social reformer. His writings on social questions offer deep intellectual and critical inquiry about the problems of an exploitative Hindu caste order. He wanted to end the inhuman practice of untouchability. His academic work is well-known for the scrutiny of Hindu philosophical texts. Though several nationalist leaders, including Gandhi, disagreed with Ambedkar, they accepted him as a committed leader who wanted to liberate socially marginalised communities from the stranglehold of caste.

Ambedkar opted for Buddhism for its rational and progressive values that challenge some of the fundamental beliefs of Hinduism. The 22 vows he delivered during the conversion ceremony initiated a radical escape for the convert from Hindu caste and cultural folds. The vows are divided into three major sections. In the first part, it pledges to refuse to worship the Hindu pantheon or to follow Hindu religious dogmas (vows no. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 21). Second, it challenges the authority of the Brahmin priest (vows no. 4, 6, 8 and 19). The rest promises to follow Buddhist principles.

What is Navayana Buddhism?

On October 13, 1935, Ambedkar, as president of the 'Yeola Conversion Conference' near Nasik, announced his decision to renounce Hinduism, as a path to contest the Hindu caste order. He asked the assembled members from the depressed castes to abandon struggles such as the temple-entry agitations and advised them to leave Hinduism entirely and embrace another religion. However, the decision to adopt Buddhism was not announced then. For the next two decades, Ambedkar was engaged in social and political deliberation to draft policies and find avenues for the emancipation of the socially marginalised communities. The decision to embrace Buddhism arrived after a detailed contemplation on various religions to understand the suitability of each to liberate socially marginalised communities. He reached the conclusion that Buddhism is an appropriate choice as it had challenged the Brahmanical caste-based social hierarchies in the past; it focused on modern ethical values and a scientific temperament and preached peace and compassion for social coexistence. Ambedkar embraced Buddhism in a grand ceremony at Nagpur's Deekshabhoomi, where more than five lakh followers had assembled to follow his decision. Under the presence of monk Chandramani, Ambedkar and his wife took the Buddhist vows. He then recited the three jewels (Trisharan), five precepts (Panchsheel), pronounced the self-crafted 22 vows for the assembled people and renounced Hinduism. The event is marked as the renaissance of Buddhism in India. In the post-event deliberation, Ambedkar called his version of Buddhism Navayana (followers are called neo-Buddhists), differentiating it with the Mahayana and Vajrayana traditions of Buddhism. Every year in October, lakhs of people assemble at Nagpur's Deekshabhoomi to pay homage to Ambedkar and to celebrate the historic day.

What is the demographic status of neo-Buddhists in India today?

The Buddhist population is a mere 0.70%, of which 87% are neo-Buddhists. Further, a large majority of it (around 80%) reside in Maharashtra (5.8% of the total population). The rest are traditional Buddhists and are scattered mainly in north-eastern States like Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram and Tripura, etc. There has been a decline in the growth rate of Buddhists in India in recent years.

Harish S. Wankhede teaches at the Center for Political Studies, JNU

THE GIST

On October 5, Mission Jai Bhim and The Buddhist Society of India organised a public meeting in Delhi to commemorate Buddhist Conversion Day. Aam Aadmi Minister Rajendra Pal Gautam participated in the event in his personal capacity. Along with the thousands of people assembled, he recited the 22 vows. The BJP objected to Mr. Gautam's presence at the event and his recitation of the vows. He was accused of spreading anti-Hindu sentiments. Following the uproar, Mr. Gautam resigned on October 9.

The Buddhist Conversion Day celebrates the day B. R. Ambedkar along with more than half a million followers embraced Buddhism in Nagpur, Maharashtra. Ambedkar opted for Buddhism for its rational and progressive values. The 22 vows he delivered during the ceremony initiated a radical escape for the convert from Hindu caste and cultural folds.

Ambedkar called his version of Buddhism Navayana (followers are called neo-Buddhists), differentiating it with the Mahayana and Vajrayana traditions of Buddhism.

What are the allegations against Google by the NBDA?

Why has the News Broadcasters and Digital Association locked horns with the search-engine giant over revenue sharing? Is the conflict between news publishers and Google unique to India?

Saptaparno Ghosh

The story so far:

On October 6, the News Broadcasters and Digital Association (NBDA) approached the Competition Commission of India (CCI) against search-engine operator Google, alleging that the latter had deprived them of their justifiable revenue acquired from news dissemination on the tech-giant's platforms. The complaint would be clubbed with similar cases filed by the Indian Newspaper Society (INS) in February this year and the Digital News Publishers Association (DNPA) last year.

Why is Google dominant?

As per the NBDA, Google's search engine commands a 94% market share in the country. The number becomes all the more crucial for news publishers with the increased transition toward news consumption online (inclusive of app-based consumption). The traditional newspaper industry in India has sustained itself on a business model wherein advertising accounts for two-third of its total revenue. On similar lines, with online proliferation, there is an increased reliance of news publishers on digital ad revenues, and in turn, tech-based companies. More than half of the total traffic on news websites is routed through Google. The search engine, by way of its algorithms and internal quality vetting, determines which news websites would be prioritised in search queries. Essential to understand here is that search engines are an important determinant in online news consumption. Readers would more often opt for an online web search rather than reaching out to a specific news website by typing its URL in a browser. This has made search-engines the first port of call for information online.

What are the key allegations?

Google has been found to be dominant in both markets of relevance to digital publishers – online web search services and digital advertising services. A news website sells advertising spaces on its platform through ad-exchanges. In addition to this, Google also operates a platform that manages a publisher's sale of online ads and tools to purchase display ad space. The central contestation among the parties holds that the tech-giant has not compensated news publishers for their contribution to (Google's various) platforms and has engaged in practices to bolster its monopoly in the space. The DNPA had put forth that website publishers receive only 51% of the advertisement revenue. It has been alleged that owing to the tech-giant's dominance in the space, publishers have been "forced" to integrate content on their platforms. They have no other alternative but to trade in the company's exchanges and use its buying tool, Google Ads/DV 360, to receive bids from advertisers.

What is happening outside India?

In February this year, the European Publishers Council filed an anti-trust complaint against Google with the European Commission, challenging its existing "ad tech stranglehold" over press publishers. Australia introduced the 'Media Bargaining Code' in February to address the imbalance. As reported by *Reuters*, the code requires news outlets to negotiate commercial deals individually or collectively with Facebook and Google with violations calling for civil penalties of up to $10 million. The tech firms would also have to give media outlets notice when they change search algorithms that may affect publishers' content.

According to Google, the revenues accrued are spent towards running "a complex and evolving business" such as maintaining data centres, further technological investments, enabling innovations that increase publisher revenue and maximising advertiser return on investment, among other things.

THE GIST

Along with the Indian Newspaper Society in February and the Digital News Publishers Association last year, the News Broadcasters and Digital Association has approached the Competition Commission of India against Google, alleging that the latter had deprived them of their justifiable revenue acquired from news dissemination on the tech-giant's platforms.

The central contestation is that the tech-giant has not compensated news publishers for their contribution to Google's platforms and has engaged in practices to bolster its monopoly in the space.

The European Publishers Council has also filed an anti-trust complaint against Google with the European Commission, challenging its existing "ad tech stranglehold" over press publishers.

LENZING Modal®
FASO®
MEN & WOMEN
HOW FASCINATING!
when you feel good inside.
FT7002 - TRUNK
FASO
illusion
happy Diwali
FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
SCAN QR CODE TO VISIT WEBSITE
Manufactured & Marketed by KPR MILL LIMITED.
Also Available at All Leading Stores & Online Portals:
www.faso.in
/ fasoclothings
For Trade Enquiries Contact - 97877 02222

INBRIEF

Intermittent power supply from October 13 to 15

There will be intermittent power supply from October 13 to 15 in the following areas.

According to a release from BESCOM, HSR Layout Division, the areas that will be affected are: Station: 66/11 KV Malgudi MUSS: G.S. Palya Main Road, Basavanagar, Krishna Reddy Layout, KIADB Layout, Ananda Reddy Layout, Global Tech Park, Electronic City Phase-2, Veerasandra, Doddanagamangala, Ananthanagara, Shanthipura, and surrounding areas.

Station: 66/11 KV Sobha Forest View MUSS on October 13 (On Oct. 13 only) Sobha Forest Apartments, Talaghattapura and surrounding areas.

BBMP continues anti-encroachment drive

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) on Tuesday continued the anti-encroachment drive at Sheelavanthakere lake in Mahadevapura and S.R. Layout in K.R. Puram.

The BBMP officials resumed the anti-encroachment drive after the Dasara holidays. The BBMP officials along with the Revenue Department removed the 130-metre compound near Sheelavanthakere lake

The civic body also removed illegal structures in Basavanapura word in K.R. Puram, with structures on the 80-metre storm-water drain removed.

World Bank representatives visit waterway project

World Bank representatives visited Bengaluru on Monday and inspected Bengaluru's first waterway project at Koramangala.

The representatives of the world bank are in the city to study Urban Flooding and Climate Resilience. Speaking to reporters on Tuesday BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said that the nominated members of the World Bank had appreciated the project and said the same should be implemented in other places.

The 9.6km project was launched in March 2021 and is taken up by a private concessionaire on build, operate and transfer basis, according to officials.

BU students continue stir seeking ban on pvt. vehicles on campus

Two motorists fell while negotiating an 'unscientific' hump, which was laid on Monday after a student of the university fell from a bus and sustained severe injuries

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Even as Bangalore University (BU) students continued their protest demanding a ban on entry of private vehicles and safe road infrastructure inside the campus, two more accidents were reported inside the campus on Tuesday.

Two scooter riders fell while negotiating a newly-laid "unscientific" hump. The hump was laid on Monday, after Shilpa Shri, a student of the university, fell from a bus and sustained severe injuries.

Hours after Ms. Shri met with the accident, a research scholar identified as Ramanjaneya Olluru was critically wounded after he slipped from the scooter and was injured. He was rushed to a private hospital and shifted to NIMHANS. The identity of another person injured in a similar accident is yet to be known.

No way: Bangalore University students block the roads inside Jnanabharathi campus in Bengaluru on Tuesday. K. MURALI KUMAR

Traffic blocked

Meanwhile, students studying in various departments on the campus staged protests at multiple locations. They blocked traffic entering the campus from Mysuru Road and Outer Ring Road. Later, they gathered near the bus stop of the university. With protesters blocking the road, one of the lanes of the road was closed for traffic and two-way traffic was allowed on the other side of the road. Considering the tense situation, the city police deployed additional personnel.

Sharanya, a research scholar said: "In the past month, there have been more than 30 accidents on the campus but authorities have been ignoring the safety of the students and others. We have been demanding the city traffic police and the BU administration ban the entry of private vehicles inside the campus. However, none of them have been considered." Students were joined by the teaching as well as non-teaching staff of the university.

Another student, Lokesh Ram said: " The university road is not a public road. Because of the negligence on the part of the BMTC, the police, and the university, hundreds of students are facing problems. We want them to ban the movement of private vehicles with immediate effect." He also demanded financial assistance for the injured student.

Minister's visit

Housing Minister V. Somanna visited the campus and told reporters that issues raised by the students will be resolved by involving all the stakeholders.

From Page One

Two killed as heavy rain brings down building in Bengaluru

Many major roads in the city saw slow moving traffic during rain including Mysuru Road, Bannerghatta Road, BTM Layout, JP Nagar, Indiranagar, Tumakuru road, Sarjapura, Malleswaram, Central Business District (CBD) roads, Mekhri Circle, and Koramangala, according to the traffic police.

Meanwhile, after rain in the city, some private schools declared a holiday for LKG and UKG in the Yelahanka area on Tuesday.

More rain expected

More rains are expected over the next two days. The India Meteorological Department issued a yellow alert (heavy rainfall) for Bengaluru Urban and Bengaluru Rural districts.

The Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre has forecasted widespread moderate to heavy rains associated with thunderstorms and lightning likely over BBMP area till Wednesday.

Report on choultry workers released

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Women who work in choultries as cleaners and assistants are more vulnerable to sexual harassment and exploitation, according to *Ensuring Dignity and Security in the Lives of Choultry Workers*, a study report on the status of choultry workers which was released on Monday by ActionAid.

The study, which was conducted in association with the Slum Mahila Sanghatane, has said that due to the gendered nature of the choultry work, the workers do not get value or recognition for their labour.

The study has included individual case studies as well as findings from focus groups across various clusters of choultry workers. It has been identified in the report that choultry workers are usually women who are single and sole wage earners in the family. The average income of these workers is between ₹500 and ₹700 for two days. They find work for a maximum of 15 days in a month, the report says.

The report has also pointed out that caste and class discrimination and exploitation is also very prominent in choultry work. It also says that the lack of redressal forums for such issues and bargaining power of trade union memberships has made it difficult for the workers to resolve such issues. Several other issues like job insecurity, lack of security, pandemic induced problems have also been discussed in the report.

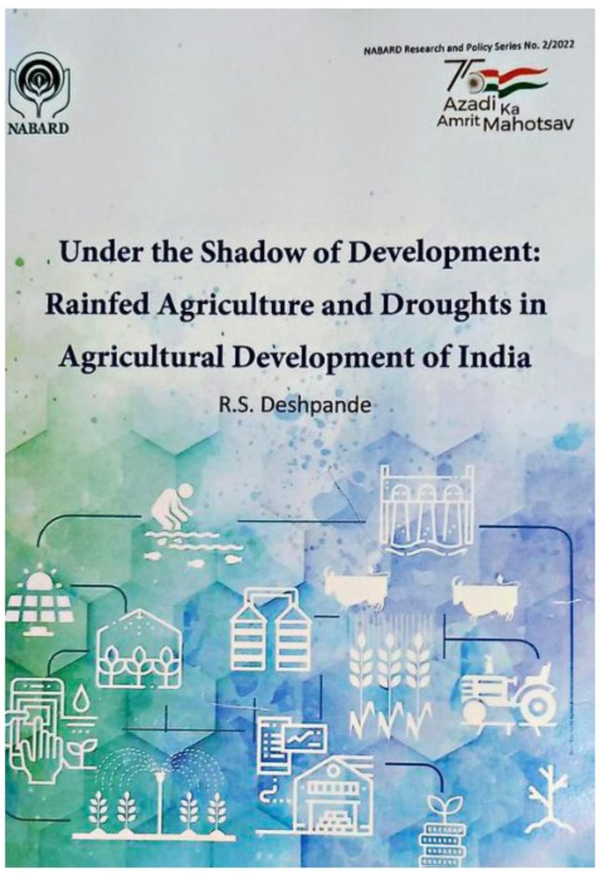
Hundreds of choultry workers listed their problems, while also placing several demands before the government. S.B. Ravikumar, Joint Commissioner of Labour Department underlined the need for all workers to be registered under the e-shram portal.

Crop insurance is not the perfect medication for farmers: Economist

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

A book on the theme "Rainfed Agriculture and Droughts in India" (2022) brought out by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) argues that crop insurance is not a "perfect medication" any more for farmers hit by natural calamities such as floods and droughts and it has become more an institution governed by the private interests.

NABARD, which brought out the book authored by economist R.S. Deshpande, as part of its Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav series, said that Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana carries along with it the baggage of the earlier failed crop insurance schemes. The private insurance companies have been given full authority to insure and pay the indemnity, and they get the State support in this operation.



The cover of NABARD's book.

NABARD, which brought out the book by economist R.S. Deshpande, as part of its Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav series

Moreover, the insurance firms follow an area-wise approach and this would depend on the crop-cutting experiments or the meteorological data which causes delay in the payment of insurance amount to farmers.

In the event of the farmers' kharif crop failure, she/he would not be able to undertake cultivation immediately in the second season due to delay in claiming the insurance amount, said Prof. Deshpande, former Director, ISEC, Bengaluru.

Noting that the insurance scheme needs "a full revamping", he said, unfortunately, most of the State governments declare an agricultural drought on the basis of crop-cutting experiments.

Only after the experiment is completed, crop insurance claims are allowed. "This actually puts the farmer under stress and he is compelled to borrow from money lenders. So, the agitations by the farmer on non-receipt of the insurance indemnity are quite legitimate," says the author.

Legislators H.K. Patil and Krishna Byre Gowda had said the insurance firms have not come to the rescue of farmers during the crisis and firms earned profits of hundreds of crores of rupees.

The book also covers the history of rainfed farming and droughts. Prof. Deshpande said many watershed programmes, including those funded by the World Bank, are not implemented effectively.

Noting that the rainfed area covered over 50% of the total cropped area in India, he says the National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA), should not remain just as a toothless advisory body. It should participate in the administration of the rainfed programme, he said.

Prof. Deshpande suggested that NRAA should put in place an early warning system connected from taluk to district and through the State government following the model for the early warning system available in the Karnataka State Natural Disaster Management Centre's (KSNDMC) programme of establishing a network of telemetric rain gauge stations and obtaining data on real-time basis.

BWSSB to hold water adalat tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will hold a water adalat on Thursday from 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the following sub divisions: North-2-1, South 1-1, South 2-1, South West-1, South West 4, East-1-2, East 2-2, South East 2, South East 5, West -1-2, West 2-2.

According to a BWSSB release, the adalat is being held to settle the grievances connected to water billing, delay in providing water supply and sanitary connections, delay in converting from domestic connection to non-domestic connection and other related issues.

For any problems regarding the water supply, consumers can contact helpline number 1916 or WhatsApp to 8762228888.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General public are hereby notified that, our clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owner **SMT.PRIYANKA TIBREWALA NEE AGARWAL D/o late Sri.Gokul Chand Agarwal; W/o Sri.Deepak Tibrewala,** residing at No.G-2, Pallavi Heights Apartments, Basappa Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru-560027.

The Owner represents that, she had misplaced/lost the original title deeds and documents of the Schedule Property i.e., (I) Allotment letter dated 09/06/1969 bearing No.B7-270-BSK II, issued by CITB to Smt.K.Shambhavi W/o Sri.A.Damodara; (ii)Possession Memo bearing No.232/1970-71 dated 13/05/1970 (22/05/1970) issued by CITB to Smt.K.Shambhavi; (iii)General Power of Attorney dated 23/06/1979 executed by Smt.K.Shambhavi in favour of Sri.K.C.Medappa; (iv)Indenture deed of sale dated 11/12/1981 executed by BDA in favour of Smt.K.Shambhavi, represented by her GPA holder Sri.K.C.Medappa, registered as document No.4175/1981-82, in Book-1, Volume No.648, at pages 147 to 149, in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore; (v)Indenture of sale dated 27/03/1982 executed by Smt.K.Shambhavi represented by her GPA holder Sri.K.C.Medappa in favour of Sri.K.Ramalinga Raju S/o Sri.K.Krishnama Raju represented by his brother and POA holder Sri.K.J.Raju, registered as document No.5539/1981-82, in Book-1, Volume No.668, at pages 23 to 27, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore & (vi)Power of Attorney executed by Sri.K.Ramalinga Raju S/o Sri.K.Krishnama Raju in favour of his brother Sri.K.J.Raju and to that effect she has lodged a police complaint on 09/10/2022 vide Lost Report No.0353133/2022, with the Bengaluru City Police. Further the Owner represents that she has not deposited or otherwise handed over the said original deeds and documents to any person/s or Bank or institution and that the Owner has a freehold subsisting marketable title to the Schedule Property.

Apart from the said Owner, if any person has any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule Property or any person/s having custody of the said original deeds and documents, they are hereby called upon to file their objections along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned within **7 (Seven) days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on our clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing **Municipal No.270 (CITB/BDA Site No.270), PID No.56-24-270,** measuring East to West 40ft and North to South 60ft, in all measuring 2400 Sq.ft, with a house building thereon, situated at **27th Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage,** Bengaluru-560070 and bounded on the:

East by : Property bearing No.271;
West by : Property bearing No.269;
North by : Property bearing No.281;
South by : Road

Sd/- BAYYA REDDY. M
For **ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP**
Advocates & Solicitors
No.101, 4th Floor, Sri Manjunatha Complex, BSK 2nd Stage,
Opp : Banashankari BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560070

BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI-221004
E-TENDER NOTICE

Dy Chief Engineer, Banaras Locomotive works, Varanasi on behalf of the president of India invites "Open" Tender **through E-Tendering** from the contractors. **S.N. 1, Tender No.:** BLW-WAT-ET-016-22-23, **Name of Work :** Construction of PEB shed for New TOT Ward along with Gantry (26x60m), Sheeting of TOT Gantry (26mx90m), Constrution of 45 ward Godownshed (19x27m), Extension of service road, Construction of Simulator Room, Rain water harvesting & drainage works, Extension of ORH/SRH & OGH & other ancillary works. **Tender cost (Rs.) :** 143775363.15, **Earnest money (Rs.) :** 868900,**Time of completion :** 12 month, **Closing Date & time of tender :** 02.11.2022 at 15:00 Hrs., **Date of opening of tender :** 02.11.2022 at 15:30 Hrs., **Special Notice-** To see the detailed terms & conditions of tender and for submission of tender, please visit website: **http: www.ireps.gov.in.**

PR/BLW/C-11 **Dy. Chief Engineer**

/blwvaranasi "Website: www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in"

RAIL LAND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(A Statutory Authority under Ministry of Railways, Government of India)
Unit No. 702-B , 7th Floor, Konnectus Tower-II DMRC Building, Ajmeri Gate, New Delhi-110002, Phone: + 91-11-23232854, Fax: +91-11-23232835

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL THROUGH E-TENDER
(RFP Notice No. RLDA/RFP/CD-60/CRD-21 of 2022 Dated 19.09.2022)

GRANT OF LEASE/LICENSE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF 19147 SQM OF RAILWAY LAND (INCLUDING REDEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING RAILWAY COLONY) AT GRP COLONY & TYPE-III COLONY AT MALDHAKKA, PUNE FOR 45 YEARS.

Site Description	Area of the Site	Area to be leased to Developer	Built Up Area Offered to Developer	Bid Security	Reserve Price
GRP Colony & Type-III Colony at Maldhakka, Pune	19147 Sqm.	19147 Sqm.	24872 Sqm.	Rs. 1.0 Crore	Rs. 17.0 Crore + Re-development Cost

Online Pre-bid Meeting on WebEx: 19th October, 2022 AT 11:30 HRS.
(Online Pre-bid meeting details will be uploaded on Tender Wizard)
Last Date of Submission of E-bid Online: 28.11.2022 UPTO 15:00 Hrs.

For Further details of the project, please visit our website **www.rlda.indianrailways.gov.in** or on e-procurement portal **www.tenderwizard.in/RLDA** under the heading '**e-tender**'
For any clarifications, may please contact:-

Jt. General Manager/ Project-3	Chief Project Manager/ Nagpur	Consultant/RLDA	For e-bid queries-
M: 99680 75459	M: 97663 41041	Mr. Simon Thomas	Mr. Suraj Singh
jgmreup2@rlda.railnet.gov.in	cpmngp@rlda.railnet.gov.in	M: 98400 68451 simon.thomas@ap.jll.com	M: 95996 53865 suraj@etenderwizard.com

Note: Any Corrigendum or Addendum shall be published only on RLDA's Website AM/Tender, (M) 87505 54811

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
U.R. RAO SATELLITE CENTRE
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE GROUP,
HAL AIRPORT ROAD, VIMANAPURA POST, BENGALURU - 560 017
(Phone: 080 2508-4156/4318/4194/4185) (Fax: 080 25084155)
BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

CORRIGENDUM - III

1. On behalf of the President of India, item-rate tender is invited for the following works:

Description	Details
Name of work	Repairing & Servicing of 6.3 MVA, 66/11 kV M/s. Voltas make Transformer at URSC Main Campus, Bengaluru - 560017.
E-Tender Notice No.	URSC/C&MG/1020(Ele)/E-Tender/2022-23/02 Dated:27.07.2022
Estimated cost put to tender	₹ 50.28 Lakhs
Tender Document details	E-Tender
Period of completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	Ten (10) Months
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded.	Extended up to 16.30hrs. on 17.10.2022
Bid clarification	Extended up to 17.00hrs. on 17.10.2022
Last date and time of reply to Bid clarification	Extended up to 17.00hrs. on 19.10.2022
Last date and time for receipt of tenders.	Extended up to 14.30hrs. on 20.10.2022
Due date and times of opening of tenders.	Extended after 14.30hrs. on 20.10.2022
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	₹ 1,00,560/-

2. Interested tenderers may please refer Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details in website: **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/-, Group Director, C&MG, URSC

WORLD INSIGHT

Extreme caution: A man wears a protective mask as he rides by new nucleic acid testing booths placed on the side of a road in Beijing, China. GETTY IMAGES

Real-estate debt, crackdowns and COVID policies throw a spanner in China's economy

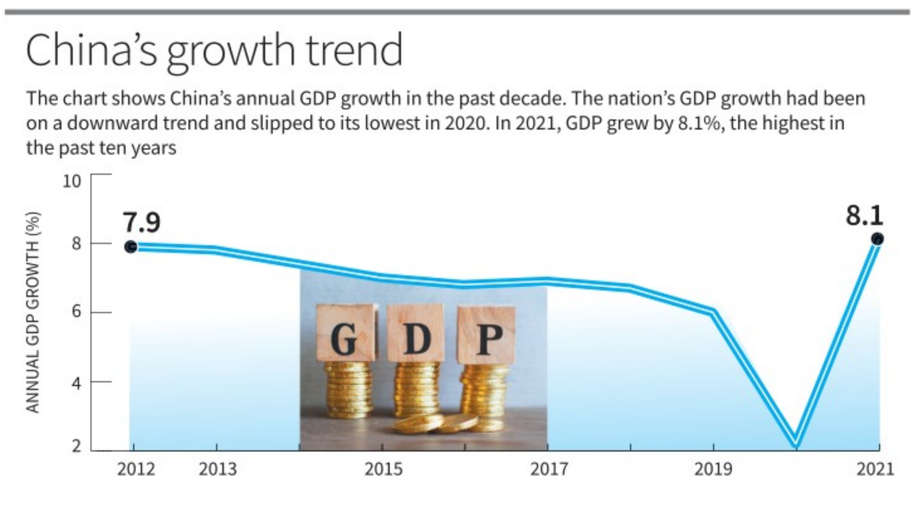
Xi Jinping's push to make China a technological superpower faces growing headwinds from an economy weighed down by debt and a stringent zero-COVID regime. The latter especially has left the nation isolated from the rest of the world

Ananth Krishnan

There are only a few workers today manning the whirring conveyor belts at the "intelligent logistics park" of the $100 billion Chinese e-commerce giant JD.com, which together with Alibaba dominates the world of Chinese online retail. If you receive a package in Beijing, chances are it passed through this massive sorting facility, where packages are arranged and indexed not by human workers but by robots.

JD's recently accelerating push towards automation presents a snapshot of the state of China's economy, as the country's leadership pushes forward with ambitious plans to move up the value chain and establish China as a tech superpower, while at the same time reeling from headwinds such as a rapidly ageing population and a "zero-COVID" regime that is continuing for a third straight year. It is the perils of the latter two challenges that is driving the current thinking at JD.

In March 2022, supply chains in Shanghai came to near-total collapse as the city went into a chaotic and brutal full lockdown. Residents had to rely on sparse government handouts of vegetables to survive – a jarring reality for the financial centre of the world's second-largest economy. "The lockdown in Shanghai was a good example of intensive pressure on supply chains", explains Liu Hui, who heads JD's in-house Consumption and Industry Development Research Institute. A crisis forced technological upgrades, as the company turned to big data – in which it is now investing millions – to decide how to funnel in supplies from its centres around the country into Shanghai. Meanwhile, workers in any Chinese factory are now only a moment's notice away from being shipped into quarantine because of the vagaries of the "zero-COVID" regime, which still mandates mass testing and centralised quarantine. That's a problem, JD's team notes wryly, that you don't have with robots.



End of its shelf-life

When Xi Jinping took over as General Secretary of the Communist Party in 2012, topmost of his economic priorities was dealing with an export-driven, state investment-addicted growth model that was nearing the end of its shelf-life – the model that had propelled China into becoming a lynchpin of global supply chains, the world's largest trading nation, and the second-largest economy. "President Xi came to the conclusion, by observing trends of economic development, that the country had entered a new normal and we couldn't continue to develop as per the past pattern," says Han Baojiang, Director of the Department of Economics, at the Communist Party's Central Party School.

The biggest immediate question mark over China's economic future is Mr. Xi's continuing zero-COVID policy

Mr. Xi has emphasised a three-pronged campaign: what he has called "common prosperity" to tackle inequality as well as more strictly regulate sectors such as property and private tech firms; a "dual circulation" model that boosts consumption and the domestic economy (or internal circulation) while recalibrating China's external relations (the other circulation); and most importantly, self-reliance in strategic industries. All three themes are expected to be given prominent attention at the once-in-five-year Party Congress, which opens on October 16 and will mark the start of Mr. Xi's third term. The progress on all three fronts, as Mr. Xi completes a decade, is a mixed picture. The Chinese economy, as Mr. Han notes, has grown from 53.9 trillion Yuan ($8.5 trillion) in 2012 to an impressive 114 trillion Yuan ($15.9 trillion) at the end of 2021. He flags the party's declaration last year that it had ended extreme poverty, by lifting close to 100 million out of poverty in Mr. Xi's tenure through a targeted campaign, as one of his signature legacies.

Regulations and interventions

The other significant legacy is the return of the state, which has, however, left a once-thriving private sector battered and bruised. China's tech behemoths in particular, are licking their wounds after tighter regulation and investigations into alleged monopolistic practices targeting companies like Alibaba and Tencent wiped off close to $1 trillion in market value. In the view of some in the party, tech giants had gotten too big for the party's comfort, particularly because of their amassing of data. Meanwhile, under the "common prosperity" campaign aimed at addressing social inequalities, a thriving private education industry was also kneecapped overnight.

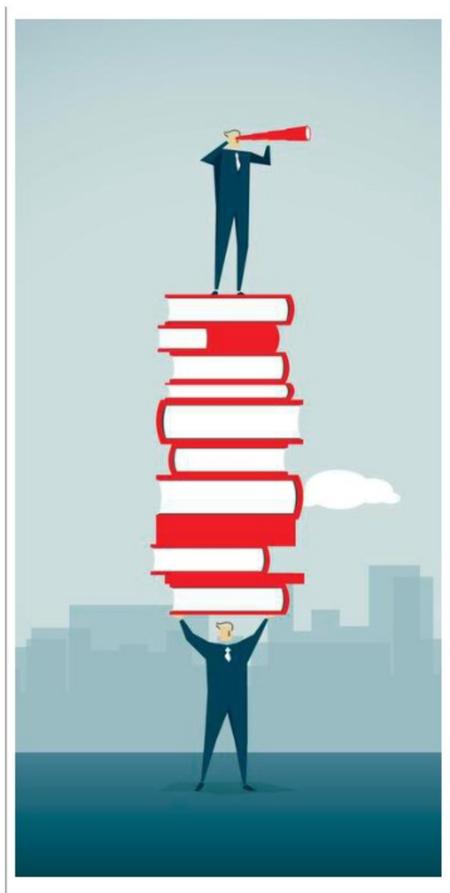
Curbing what the party called "the disorderly expansion of capital" has been a focus for Mr. Xi, fuelling one regulatory intervention after another. China's overleveraged property developers have seen the taps of easy loans switched off – a move that most economists in China would agree was long overdue, but one which has now plunged the real estate sector, a driving force for the Chinese economy, into a looming crisis. In many cities, homeowners have stopped paying mortgages as apartments lie unfinished. The real estate downturn will certainly weigh down on China's growth, which fell to just 0.4% in the second quarter, threatening not only the 5.5% annual target but Beijing's ascent to overtake the U.S. as the world's largest economy – a landmark that its officials have placed much emphasis on.

One of the key objectives in a blueprint for China's long-range objectives until 2035, released last year and pledging an annual 7% growth in R&D spending, is to establish China as a science and technology superpower. Self-sufficiency has been a key focus for Mr. Xi, who last year stressed the need to build "secure and reliable supply chains to safeguard China's industrial security and national security" and to "tighten international production chains' dependence on China". This would give China leverage should countries threaten to limit access to key technologies, as the U.S. has recently done with semiconductors.

The zero-COVID policy

The biggest immediate question mark over China's economic future, however, is Mr. Xi's continuing zero-COVID policy, which has left business sentiment at the lowest in decades. Youth unemployment reached 20% in July, coinciding with spreading campaigns among young urban Chinese to opt out of the rat race and "lie flat". Zero-COVID, which the Communist Party has pledged to continue, has also prompted countries to diversify their supply chain dependence on China, undercutting one of Mr. Xi's prime objectives. Just as Beijing is looking to raise its global stakes, it has left China isolated from the world.

This is the second article of a three-part series looking at China's changing politics, economy and diplomacy in the Xi decade.



FROM THE ARCHIVE

Know your English

"What's the difference between 'dispel' and 'disperse', sir?"

" 'Dispel' means 'to drive away' and 'disperse' means 'to scatter'. When something is 'dispelled', it is removed. 'Disperse' implies 'a breaking up of the mass or assemblage'.

The sun dispels darkness.
The sage's compassionate looks dispelled my fears.
He dispelled my doubts.
The police dispersed the crowd.
The wind dispersed the clouds.
The prism disperses light.

'Dispel has a greater force than 'disperse'."

"Sir, what's the difference between 'I have to spend money' and 'I have money to spend?' "

" 'I have to spend money' means that 'I am forced to spend money'. In this, there is an obligation or an external compulsion to spend money. 'I have money to spend' means that 'I have money and I plan to spend it'. In this, there is no external compulsion. It is something you decide to do yourself. 'I have to write a book' means that 'I must write a book'. 'I have a book to write' means 'I am planning to write a book; it is my self-imposed task. I am not being compelled by another to write'.

I have to look after the baby.
I have to tell a story.
I have to go out.
I have to speak today.
I have a paper to write. I have to write a paper.
I have to do some packing. I have some packing to do.
I have to say something further. I have something further to say.
She has to make visits. She has visits to make.

Some people write stories because they have a story to tell. Some people write stories because they have to make a living. They have to write stories to make a living. She writes because she has a story to tell, not because she has to tell a story".

"What is a corpus, sir?"

"A corpus is a body or collection of writings on a subject or by a person.

The corpus of his works is rather small.

It doesn't refer to any single work but to a collection of works on a particular subject or by a person.

When T. S. Eliot arrived in Stockholm to receive the Nobel Prize, he was asked by a journalist which specific book he was being honoured for. Eliot said, "I think it is given for the entire corpus'. The journalist who obviously hadn't heard this word before asked whether 'Corpus' was a poem or a play. Let's stop here. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

The first Oktoberfest was celebrated in Munich on October 12, in the form of a horse race. Here is a quiz on similar festivals and carnivals from across the world

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

QUESTION 1
The Carnival of Venice is an annual festival held in Venice, Italy. Which object is an important feature of this festival?

QUESTION 2
This is considered the biggest carnival in the world, with two million people per day on the streets. The first Carnival festival occurred in 1723. The typical carnival parade is filled with revellers, floats, and adornments from numerous samba schools. Name the festival.

QUESTION 3
The Boryeong Mud Festival is an annual festival which takes place during the summer in Boryeong, South Korea. The mud, taken from the Boryeong mud flats is used to manufacture which commodity?

QUESTION 4
La Tomatina is a festival held in Spain where participants get involved in a tomato fight purely for fun. The festival was banned in the early 1950s and was revived later because of protests from various parts of the country. What signature event led to the festival being revived? This festival was showcased in a popular Hindi film. Name the film.

QUESTION 5
This is an annual event in the U.S. The event and its affiliated communities are guided by 10 principles that are meant to evoke the cultural ethos that has emerged from the event. These principles were originally written by Larry Harvey in 2004. Name the event.

QUESTION 6
The Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta is a yearly hot air balloon festival that takes place in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Why was the balloon festival first celebrated in 1972?

Visual Question:
The image given is associated with which festival? Locally, what is the festival called?

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The initial chosen name for Amitabh Bachan and the poet who suggested the name Amitabh. **Ans: Inquilab and Sumitranandan Pant**
2. Amitabh's film debut was as a voice-over artist in this film. **Ans: *Bhuvan Shome* directed by Mrinal Sen**
3. Mr. Bachan made his acting debut in this film. **Ans: *Saat Hindustani***
4. The name of Amitabh Bachchan's alter ego in the comic series *The Adventures of Amitabh Bachchan*. **Ans: Supremo**
5. The common factor linking Jalsa, Janak, Prateeksha and Vatsa. **Ans: Names of properties owned by Amitabh Bachchan**
6. This training institution was described by Amitabh Bachan as the perfection of command, etiquette, order, and regimentation. **Ans: National Defence Academy**
7. The common factor in his roles in *Guddi*, *Chhoti Si Baat*, and *Jalwa*. **Ans: He plays himself!**
8. Amitabh Bachchan got elected from this constituency in 1984. **Ans: Allahabad**
9. This show premiered on July 3, 2000. **Ans: *Kaun Banega Crorepati***
Visual: This award was bestowed on him in 2007. **Ans: Legion of Honour**
Early Birds: Gandhi Vadlapatla| Kriti Tiwari| M. Suresh Kumar
Compiled by Sindhu Nagaraj

Word of the day

Flagrant:
conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible

Synonyms:
gross, rank, egregious

Usage:
This is a flagrant violation of human rights.

Pronunciation: bit.ly/flagrantpro

For feedback and suggestions for Text & Context, please write to **letters@thehindu.co.in** with the subject 'Text & Context'

Auto drivers' unions want Dept. to launch its own app

They have accused app-based transport aggregator companies of taking advantage of the requirement and time of the customers and "looting them" with higher fares in the name of autorickshaw drivers

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amidst the ongoing tussle between the Transport Department and app-based transport aggregator companies, auto drivers on Tuesday expressed a united stand against the app-based auto aggregators for allegedly exploiting the customers as well as drivers.

Under the umbrella organisation of the Bengaluru Auto Drivers' Unions and the Welfare Associations' Federation, they demanded that the Transport Department should blacklist illegal apps and white-board bike taxi services and create its own transport app to provide citizen-friendly services under government guidelines.

The federation has also blamed aggregator companies for "disrupting the transport services" during their initial days in the city by enticing customers with special rides and drivers with incentives and offers. They have accused the companies of taking advantage of the requirement and time of the customers and "looting them" with higher fares in the name of auto drivers.

The federation has also blamed aggregator companies for "disrupting the transport services" during their initial days in the city. FILE PHOTO

They have claimed that they have received no profits from such practices and that they only receive the prefixed amount in their accounts. They also stated that the white-board bike taxis, which are running in an "unauthorised manner" in the city, have affected the earnings of the auto drivers.

"In the last seven to eight years, these app-based companies have charged more than the rate fixed by the Transport Department. They have also used auto services in an unauthorised manner and instead of charging ₹15 per kilometre and a minimum of ₹30 for first 2 kilometres, they have charged from a minimum of ₹50 to a maximum of ₹100 by misusing the availability of customers and looted crores of rupees," their press release said.

"Before these companies came into the market, there was a friendly bond between customers and drivers. With them starting to charge exorbitant prices in our name, this bond got disturbed and the way customers see auto drivers has changed," argued M. Manjunath, president, Adarsha Auto and Taxi Drivers' Union. The drivers who plan to launch their own 'Namma Yaathri' app said that an app should only be a bridge between the customers and the drivers and not a passage for making money.

"On our app, we will charge ₹10 as service charge for picking up customers from their doorsteps. Let the government also introduce a similar app with specified rates. Why should we let a third-party loot us all and add money to their pockets?" questioned Jaware Gowda, president, Bruhat Bengaluru Auto and Taxi Drivers' Union.

The auto drivers have said that despite numerous complaints by various associations against unfair practices, the department paid no heed to it until recently.

Delhi, Dubai most popular destinations from city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Dubai and Delhi continue to be the most travelled international and domestic destinations, respectively, from Bengaluru airport.

As per the Directorate General of Civil Aviation's (DGCA) city pair-wise international passenger and freight statistics (scheduled) to and from Indian territory, during the April to June 2022 quarter, 1,91,077 passengers travelled on the Bengaluru-Dubai sector.

The second busiest sector was the Bengaluru-Singapore sector with 65,981 passengers, closely followed by the Bengaluru-Doha sector with 65,817 passengers.

During the period between April and June 2022, Bengaluru was connected to 17 international cities and 18 airports

Frankfurt, with 55,399 passengers, took the fourth spot. Male, the capital of Maldives, which has emerged as a popular tourist destination in the COVID-19 pandemic era, is the fifth busiest route with 48,553 passengers.

During the period between April and June 2022, Bengaluru was connected to 17 international cities and 18 airports (Bangkok – one of the cities – has two airports – Bangkok Airport and the Don Mueang International Airport).

Kuwait was the least travelled sector with 7,421 passengers while Jeddah recorded 8,052 passengers.

In the domestic sector, Delhi continued in the top spot with a total of 3,47,501 passengers travelling between the two cities in August 2022, as per the aviation regulator's city pair-wise passenger, freight & mail traffic statistics.

The second spot was taken by Mumbai with 2,67,365 passengers, followed by Kolkata with 1,32,330 passengers.

Nirani confident of securing over ₹5 lakh crore investment

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Industries Minister Murugesh N. Nirani

Industries Minister Murugesh N. Nirani on Tuesday exuded confidence that the State will be able to attract investments of over ₹5 lakh crore and generate employment of over 5 lakh during the three-day Global Investors Meet (GIM) to be held in Bengaluru from November 2.

He was speaking at an investors' meet held as part of the domestic road show in Delhi that followed a series of meetings with industry leaders during the day. The Delhi roadshow will be followed by roadshows in Hyderabad and Mumbai. The domestic road show comes after international road shows in Japan, South Korea, the US, Dubai, Davos, and other places.

Explaining a host of business-friendly policies in Karnataka to attract investments and ease of doing business, the Minister said that about 50,000 acres of land was available for industrial purposes that included 20,000 acres in and around Bengaluru, and 30,000 acres across the State, a note from the Minister's office quoted. "There is no forcible acquisition of land and it is being acquired with the consent of farmers. As many as 50,000 acres will be available for allotment by the time the GIM is held," it added. The Minister said that over 5,000 global business delegates are expected to participate in the GIM that is being held with the key themes of innovation, sustainability, resilience and equity.

Earlier in the day, during his interaction with top executives of the ITC group, Mr. Nirani suggested that the group could explore possibilities of setting up a star category hotel in Badami that can serve tourists visiting historical monuments at Badami, Aihole, and Pattadkal.

The Nithin Rai Renewables has committed to invest ₹1,000 crore to manufacture photo voltaic cells and solar panels at Gowribidanur, a note from the Minister's office said.

Timings
BENGALURU

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12	
RISE 06:09	SET 18:03
RISE 19:56	SET 08:06
THURSDAY, OCT. 13	
RISE 06:10	SET 18:02
RISE 20:40	SET 08:59
FRIDAY, OCT. 14	
RISE 06:10	SET 18:01
RISE 21:28	SET 09:53

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	31	23
Mysuru	31	20
Bengaluru	28	21

Bengaluru Today
27°C The weather will be comfortable but humid.Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate rain and thundershower will occur.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
26°C A comfortable but humid weather to continue. Night will be pleasant. Few spells of moderate to heavy rain and thundershower to occur.

© Copyright Skymet Weather 2019
All rights reserved.

LIC HFL
LIC HOUSING FINANCE LTD
HOME LOAN @8.00% Onwards*
upto ₹15cr
Flat Processing Fees ₹3000+GST
No Processing Fees on Select Projects | Facility of Online Loan Sanction Available | Exclusive Home Loan Scheme for Pensioners | Longer Repayment Period upto 30 Years
Message "New Home Loan" through Whatsapp on
8369998182

Sri Krishnadevaraya Educational Trust's
SIR M. VISVESVARAYA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Approved by AICTE, New Delhi. Affiliated to VTU, Belagavi.
Accredited by NBA & NAAC.
Estd.1986
Tel: 080 2846 7248, 2847 7024/25/26 | www.sirmvit.edu
Admission Notice 2022-23 (Management Quota)
Ranked amongst India's Top Engineering Colleges by NIRF(MHRD-GOI), Outlook, The Week, Competition Success Review, Data Quest, EDU RAND, Careers360, India Today to name a few.
B.E. • Computer Science • Information Science • Electronics & Communication • Biotechnology • Electronics & Telecommunication • Computer Science & Engineering (Internet of things and Cyber security including block chain technology) • Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning • Mechanical • Electrical & Electronics • Civil
(Fee: Rs. 1.75 lakhs per annum including College & University miscellaneous)
CET CODE: E-012
COMED-K CODE:126
M.Tech. | MBA, MCA
• Electronics • Computer Integrated Manufacturing (Mech.) • Biotechnology & Biochemical Engineering
RECORD PLACEMENTS:
Average Placement - 95% to 100% Over 45 Companies
Secured 13 University Ranks
Sir M.V. SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE
• B.Arch. 5 Year Course (Full-time) • NATA/JEE-Arch - Qualified score admissible
www.sirmvsa.org
(Fee: Rs. 1.75 lakhs per annum including College & University miscellaneous)
CET CODE: E-267
COMED-K CODE:191
KRISHNADEVARAYA COLLEGE OF DENTAL SCIENCES & HOSPITAL
BDS MDS
Secured 92 University Ranks in BDS & 15 University Ranks & 1 Gold Medal in MDS courses
Admission: with NEET eligibility, as per Govt. norms
www.kcdsh.org
Campus: International Airport Road, Bengaluru -562 157
For Admissions Contact:
Sri Krishnadevaraya Educational Trust
No. 16, Ballari Road, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru 560 080.
Ph: 080 2360 6999/2361 3443/2360 1340/2360 1370.
M: +91 99725 78908 | E-mail: sriket@gmail.com
admissions@sriket.org
36 YEARS OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

THE HINDU
OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY KANPUR
IIT Kanpur is an Institute of national importance declared as such under the Institutes of Technology Act, 1961, to provide for education and research in various branches of engineering, technology, science and arts. The Institute invites online applications for the post of Junior Assistant, from eligible Indian nationals for appointment on regular basis. For detailed advertisement, please visit the Institute's website **www.iitk.ac.in/infocell/recruitment.** Interested candidates can apply through **ONLINE mode** latest by **05:00 PM of November 09, 2022.**
Advt.No.1/2022
Date: 10.10.2022 **Registrar**

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TIRUPATI
भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान तिरुपति
Yerpedu - Venkatagiri Road, Yerpedu Post, Tirupati District, A.P - 517619
Advt. No.IITT/Staff RMT/01/2022 07 Oct 2022
Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati, an Institute of National Importance invites **Online applications** for the following Non-Teaching position(s) on direct recruitment basis:
1.Assistant Registrar, 2.Junior Superintendent, 3.Junior Assistant, 4.Technical Officer -Systems, 5.Junior Library Superintendent, 6.Junior Library Technician, 7.Junior Technical Superintendent, 8.Junior Engineer, 9.Junior Technician, 10.Junior Hindi Assistant Gr.I
Eligibility criteria, age, qualification & experience, instructions to the candidates and other details are available in the IIT Tirupati Recruitment portal at **https://iittp.ac.in/recruitment**. Candidates with requisite qualification and experience may apply online.
Starting Date for Applying online : 10 Oct 2022
Closing date for applying online : 10 Nov 2022 up to 17:00 Hrs.
Dated: 07 Oct 2022 **Registrar**

Kristu Jayanti College
AUTONOMOUS Bengaluru
Reaccredited A++ Grade by NAAC | Affiliated to Bengaluru North University
Applications invited for Professors/Asst. Professors
Commerce • Management • Statistics • Mathematics
Tourism • Economics • Computer Science • Electronics
Physics • Forensic Science • Biotechnology • Biochemistry
Microbiology • Genetics • Psychology/Counselling Psychology
Social Work • English • Political Science
History • Sociology • Performing Arts - Theatre / Dance
Journalism / Mass Communication / Visual Communication • Law
Adjunct Faculties, Visiting Faculties, Music Teacher
Qualification: As per University / AICTE norms
Ph.D / NET Qualification Preferred
Office Staff, Accountant, Lab Assistant
Apply within 7 days from the date of this publication to 'The Principal' at the below address or send the resume to the mail ID given below.
Kristu Jayanti College, Autonomous
K. Narayanapura, Kothanur P.O., Bengaluru-560 077, Karnataka, India.
Tel: 080-68737777 | E-mail: career@kristujayanti.com

Sri Krishnadevaraya Educational Trust's
SIR M.VISVESVARAYA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
Estd.1986
(Affiliated to Visvesvaraya Technological University, Recognised by AICTE, Accredited by NAAC & NBA, New Delhi)
Off International Airport Road, Bengaluru - 562 157.
Tel: 080 2846 7248 / 2847 7024/ 25 / 26, 2846 7082. Fax:2846 7081.
Email: principal@sirmvit.edu, sirmvitbgl@gmail.com www.sirmvit.edu
Renowned Institution Established in 1986 and Ranked amongst Top Institutions in India
Invites applications for the posts of
Professors / Associate Professors / Asst. Professors
in the following Departments
1.Electronics & Communication Engineering
2.Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning
3.Computer Science & Engineering
4.Computer Science & Engineering (Internet of Things and Cyber Security including Block Chain Technology)
5.Information Science Engineering
6.Electronics & Telecommunication Engineering
7.Mechanical Engineering
8.Master of Computer Applications
9.Master of Business Administration
10. Physics 11. Chemistry 12. Mathematics
Qualification & Experience: As per AICTE Norms
Also Applications are invited for the following Non-Teaching Posts in various Departments
1. Manager 2. Foreman / Supervisor 3.Instructors
4. Asst. Instructors 5. Mechanic 6. Helpers
Qualification & Experience: As per VTU / State Govt. Norms
Candidates with 5 to 10 years experience in Educational Institutions will be preferred for all the posts.
Apply within 10 days along with credentials to:
The Secretary, Sri Krishnadevaraya Educational Trust
No.16, Ballari Road, Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru-560 080.
Tel: 080 2360 6999 / 2361 3443. Email: careers@sirmvit.edu
(Dr.A.C.CHANDRASHEKAR RAJU) PRESIDENT
(K.SYAMA RAJU) SECRERTARY

Defence Electronics and Beyond
BHARAT ELECTRONICS
BHARAT ELECTRONICS LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Enterprise under the Ministry of Defence)
(CIN: L32309KA1954GOI000787)
Bharat Electronics Limited, India's Premier Navratna Defence Electronics Company requires the following personnel for its Chennai Unit :

Name of the Post	Qualification	No. of Posts	Consolidated Remuneration per month
Project Engineer - I	B.E./B.Tech/B.Sc Engg. (Electronics)	07	Rs. 40,000/-
	B.E./B.Tech/B.Sc Engg. (Mechanical)	05	
Trainee Engineer-I	B.E./B.Tech/B.Sc Engg. (Electronics)	12	Rs. 30,000/-
	B.E./B.Tech/B.Sc Engg. (Mechanical)	06	
	B.E./B.Tech/B.Sc Engg. (Computer Science)	03	
	B.E./B.Tech/B.Sc Engg. (Civil)	01	

Name of the Post (Permanent)	Qualification	Experience	No. of post	Wage Group/ Career Path/ Pay Scale
Havildar (Security)	SSLC (Pass)	15 Years of Service in the Defence Forces (Army / Navy / Air Force) as Non-Commissioned Officer	01 (Reserved for ST)	WG-III/CP-III Rs. 20500-3% - 79000 + admissible allowances

For details about Eligibility criteria, reservation, Mode of applying, Application, etc., please visit our website: **www.bel-india.in/Careers/Recruitment.**
Date: 12.10.2022 **SR.DY. GENERAL MANAGER (HR&A)**
'Har Ek Kaam Desh Ke Naam'

HRD PERSONNEL

SRM INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(Deemed to be University under section 3 of UGC Act 1956)
NAAC A++ accredited - Category I University (UGC)
Invites application from eligible candidates for the post of
DIRECTOR - HUMAN RESOURCES
Qualifications
• *Must Possess a Post Graduate Degree in Management with relevant specialization.*
• *Proven work experience of 10 years in similar capacity.*
Send your CV to recruitment@srmist.edu.in
Last date to apply: 22-10-2022
SRM INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Boards merged

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State government has issued a gazette notification merging the SSLC and the PU Boards.

The new board has been notified as the Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board.

THE HINDU
DISCLAIMER: Readers are requested to verify and make appropriate enquiries to satisfy themselves about the veracity of an advertisement before responding to any published in this newspaper. THG PUBLISHING PVT LTD., the Publisher & Owner of this newspaper, does not vouch for the authenticity of any advertisement or advertiser or for any of the advertiser's products and/or services. In no event can the Owner, Publisher, Printer, Editor, Director/s, Employees of this newspaper/company be held responsible/liable in any manner whatsoever for any claims and/or damages for advertisements in this newspaper.

Published by N. Ravi at Kasturi Buildings, 859 & 860, Anna Salai, Chennai-600002 and Printed by C. Sridhar at Plot No. 13-D, Bommasandra-Jigani Link Road, KIADB Industrial Area, Bommasandra, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560099 on behalf of THG PUBLISHING PVT LTD., Chennai-600002. Editor: Suresh Nambath (Responsible for selection of news under the PRB Act).
RNI No. KARENG/1970/49945 • ISSN 0971 - 751X

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL,
IBC O&M Division, Rampur(PA). Tq:Sindagi, Dist:Vijayapur.
Ph.No:08488-224328, Email: kbjnleerampur@gmail.com
No: KBJNL/IBC/O&M/Div/PB-2/2022-23/ 1510 Dated: 30.09.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement only)

On behalf of Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL IBC, O&M Division, Rampur, invites bids for the Percentage Re- tender from Eligible contractors for the work of 02 number of Closure Work amounting to **Rs. 145.05.** The Two cover bid submission procedure as per Rule 28 of KTPP Act shall be followed.
The bidders are requested to submit their bids in One cover including EMD in e-cash. Contractor can access e-tendering document from **03-10-2022 to 14-10-2022** Last date for submission of bid is **14-10-2022** at 5.00PM.
The Technical and Financial bid (Cover-1) will be opened on **17-10-2022 in** the office of Executive Engineer KBJNL IBC O&M Division Rampur(PA) at 11.00 AM.
Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http;//eproc.karnatak.gov.in/e portal/lines. Seam and can be had from the undersigned during office hours. .

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, IBC O&M Division,Rampur(PA)

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/464/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL,
IBC O&M Division, Rampur(PA). Tq:Sindagi, Dist:Vijayapur.
Ph.No:08488-224328, Email: kbjnleerampur@gmail.com
No: KBJNL/IBC/O&M/Div /PB-2/2022-23/1508 Dated: 30.09.2022

CORRIGENDUM-1 (Through e-Procurement only)

On behalf of Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, KBJNL IBC, O&M Division, Rampur, invites bids for the Percentage tender from Eligible contractors. The tender has two cover bid submission procedure as per Rule 28 of KTPP Act shall be followed.
The bidders are requested to submit their bids in One cover including EMD in e-cash. Contractor can access e-tendering document from **01-10-2022 to 12-10-2022** Last date for submission of bid is **12-10-2022** at 5.00PM.
The Technical and Financial bid (Cover-1) will be opened on **14-10-2022 in** the office of Executive Engineer KBJNL IBC O&M Division Rampur(PA) at 11.00 AM.
Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http;//eproc.karnatak.gov.in/e portal/lines. Seam and can be had from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, IBC O&M Division,Rampur(PA)

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/474/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that, my clients Sri. Santosh Kumar S, S/o. Sivaraj V, aged 46 years, and Smt. Sumathi W/o. Santosh Kumar, aged 45 years, both residing at No. A 504, Chartered Beverley Hills, Gubbalala, Subramanyapura, Bangalore-560061, intend to purchase the Schedule Property from **Sri. Amitabh Bhalla**, aged 42 years, S/o. Sri. Rajakumar Bhalla, residing at No.60/4, SMQR Force Station, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560 063. The Seller came into the possession, occupation and ownership of the Schedule property by virtue of registered Sale Deed dated 22.06.2022, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, BDA, Bangalore bearing Document No. 2993 of 2002-03 , Book-I, Volume 556, Page Nos. 23-26 executed by Bangalore Development Authority, Rep by its Secretary. Any person/s claiming to have any charge, lien, interest, minor claims, rights, whatsoever over the Schedule Property may lodge their claim with the undersigned with original documentary proof **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, our clients will treat that there are no objections or claims in respect of the Schedule Property. No claims will be entertained thereafter and our clients will proceed with the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Site No. 1296 situated at Anjanapura Ward 2nd Block and measuring:- East to West: 12 meter, North to South : 18 meter Totally measuring 216 Sq.mtr together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and bounded as follows:- On the
East by : Site No.1297
west by : Site No.1295
North by : Road
South by : Site No. 1261

Smt. Pallavi.K Advocate
No.21-25, Maruthi Pearl Plaza, DVG Road, Basavangudi, Bengaluru 560004
Mobile: 9739831357

BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(Wholly owned by Government of Karnataka undertaking)
(CIN-U04010KA2002SGC030438)

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICATION (CALL 2) (Through e-procurement)

The Chief Engineer Ele., Bangalore Rural Area Zone, BESCOM, Bengaluru invites tender for following sub-divisions of BRAZ jurisdiction for providing electrical infrastructure to regularize the un-authorized IP sets by extending 11kV lines, erection of Distribution Transformers and extension of LT line on **Total Turnkey basis** on **PERCENTAGE QUOTING BASIS** through e-Procurement portal in two cover system.

Sl. No.	Enq. No's & Date	Sub-Division	Approx Amount put to tender Rs. in lakh	EMD in Rs.
1	CEE/BRAZ/SEE(O)/AEE-2/ET 14 dtd 11-10-2022 (Call 2)	Vidyanagara	119.46	2,00,000
2	CEE/BRAZ/SEE(O)/AEE-1/ET 19 dtd 11-10-2022 (Call 2)	Sathnur	450.77	6,76,155
3	CEE/BRAZ/SEE(O)/AEE-2/ET 31 dtd 11-10-2022 (Call 2)	Chikkaballapura RSD	50.51	1,01,020
4	CEE/BRAZ/SEE(O)/AEE-2/ET 36 dtd 11-10-2022 (Call 2)	Chintamani RSD	100.74	2,00,000

Bid document available on e-portal: 14.10.2022. **Last date for submission of bid document:** 27.10.2022 upto 17:00 Hrs. **Date and time of opening technical bid:** 03.11.2022 @ 11:00 Hrs.
The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through e-procurement portal from the website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. on or after **14.10.2022.** Aspiring bidders need to register on e-procurement portal.
All the payments such as tender processing fee, EMD etc. shall be made through e-payment mode. Further any clarification contact help desk **080-68948777** and **080 46010000** or E-mail: **hphelpdesk.blr@rteservices.com**.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer, Electy,
BRAZ, BESCOM

For Electricity related complaints call: 1912
Download "BESCOM Mithra" Mobile APP

CLASSIFIEDS MART

TO ADVERTISE VISIT
www.thehinduads.com
CALL: Bengaluru: 98455 29981 ▪ 080-22071826
Mangaluru: 0824-2417575 ▪ 2417580 ▪ Hubballi: 0836-2338600 ▪ 2335700

SITUATION VACANT

WALK – IN

Syrma SGS, a one among the large Electronics Product Design and Manufacturing company at Tambaram Export Zone urgently requires for expanding Design Excellence Center

Senior Engineers - FIRMWARE DEVELOPMENT
Senior Engineers - HARDWARE DEVELOPMENT
Senior Engineers - SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT

BE / BTech / ME / MTech-ECE
3-7 yrs of relevant strong hardware or firmware or software experience in one of the below areas:

- Embedded firmware, C programming, BLDC/FOC motor control, PFC Control, DC-DC converter, MCU-PWM, ADC, etc.
- Automotive / EV ECU-VCU development, BMS, Telematics
- High end IoT products, 4G/5G Telecom products, High Speed Digital Design for Motherboards, SSDs

Eligible interested candidates are requested to attend walk-in interview on October 14th and 15th from 10 AM to 6 PM at

Syrma SGS Technology Ltd

Chennai Office
B27, Phase 2, MEPZ-SEZ,
Tambaram Sanatorium, Chennai - 45
Contact: 044-71728600

Bengaluru Office: Unit G501 & 502,#7, Sigma Soft Tech Park, Ramagondanahalli, Whitefield Main Road, Varthur - Kodi, Bengaluru - 560066
Contact: 9766224400

Freshers or Diploma candidates to avoid this walk-in and may send their resumes by email to sdc@syrmasgs.com for consideration in other open positions.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SINKU Kumari, D/o Late Kapildev Singh, Spouse of Amit Kumar Singh, R/at H No.205, SLV Defence Gallary, Dwarakanagar, Bangalore-560063, have changed my name from Sinku Kumari to Sinku vide affidavit dated 28-09-2022 before Notary S.R. Ravikumar, Bengaluru.

I, ARIJIT dependent son of Chandan Guhathakurta, No.6, Mahesh Building Near Vadafone Tower, Kodagala Hatti, H M Halli, Bangalore North-562157, have changed my name from Arijit to Arijit Guha Thakurta vide affidavit dated 25-11-2021 sworn before Notary S.R.Ravikumar, B'lore.

SITUATION VACANT

MEDICAL

JOSEPH HOSPITALS, Leaders in OBS & GYN based in Chennai Requires 1. Duty Obs., & Gyn– Registrars (MD, MS, or DGO) Ideal for PGs looking for practical Experience before going in to practice. Monthly Salary Rs. 1 to 2 Lakh based on experience .2. Qualified Nurses (fresh or experienced) with interest in General duty, OP, O.T., Labour & Delivery ward – 8 hours shift duty, – Salary Rs.18000/– to 30000/– per month based on experience. Apply to Director, Joseph Hospitals 10A Guruswamy Road, Chetpet, Chennai –31.or (askus@josephhospitals.com)

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 20)
O.S. NO. 25887/2019
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 001
Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
V/S.
Mr. Ayaskanta Acharya ...Defendant
Summons
Mr. Ayaskanta Acharya
S/o. Arun Prasad Acharya
Aged about 30 years, No. 148, 1st Cross, Marathahalli, Bangalore- 560037.
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 2,92,917.82/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen and Paise Eighty Two Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25887/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20,** Before Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **05th** Day of **December, 2022** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **01st** day of **October, 2022.**
By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560 001
FX & Co., ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No. 11/1,
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE IV ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL, AT BANGALORE (CCH-21) Misc.No.25044/2022
Petitioner : M/s. PACE Foundations **Vs.**
Respondents : M/s. BICON Ltd. & others.
SUMMONS TO THE RESPONDENTS No.4 to 7
R-4 MRS KIRAN MAZUMDAR SHAW, Represented for Syngene International Ltd., Biocon SEZ, Biocon Park, Plot No.2 & 3, Bommasandra Industrial Area, IV Phase, Jigani Link Road, Bommasandra, Bangalore-560099
R-5 M/s. CBRE SOUTH ASIA (P) LTD., Ground Floor, Hulkul Brigade Centre, No.82, Lavelle Road, Bangalore-560 001
R-6 M/s. ANSHUMAN MAGAZINE, Represented for M/s. CBRE SOUTH ASIA (P) LTD.,. Ground Floor, Hulkul Brigade Centre, No.82, Lavelle Road, Bangalore-560 001
R-7 PROJECT MANAGER/ DEPUTY GENERAL MANAGER Mr. Prem Kumar Dharmaraj Syngene International Ltd., MSEZ Unit-1, Plot No. IP-39, IP-46, IP-60, IP-25 (Part and IP-61 Part Mangalore SEZ Kalavur Village @ Post, Mangalore-574142 Karnataka.
WHEREAS the petitioner has instituted the above proceedings against you, the Respondents for the prosecution for violation of the interim Order of injunction passed against you in O.S.No. 26403/2020. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court either in person or through a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on **15-11-2022 at 11-00 A.M.** Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the petition will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Court this the 21 day of Sept 2022.
By Order of the Court
Sd/- Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru
Advocate for Petitioner: Party in Person
FAIZEL.K, Partner, PACE FOUNDATIONS, Building No.5/482D Shastri Nagar, Near Passport Office, Eranhipalam, Calicut-673006
Mob: 7507888858

IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDL, CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 20)
O.S. NO. 25156/2019
BETWEEN:
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Mr. Austin Gonsalves.
...Plaintiff
AND:
M/S. ALMAS TRADING COMPANY ...Defendant
Summons
M/S. ALMAS TRADIING COMPANY
Represented by its Proprietor Mr. Khaja Mohammed Haneef, Having its OFFICE AT Old NO 85/1, New No. 62, 3rd Cross, Akbari Masjid Road, Chamundi Nager, Bangalore-560032
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.2,43,649.00/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Nine Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25156/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20,** Before XXVI Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 29th Day of November 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 24th day of September 2022.
By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560 001
FX & Co., ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No. 11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF XXVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 20)
O.S. NO. 25889/2019
BETWEEN:
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Chethan Kumar.H.S.
...Plaintiff
V/S
Mr. Sai Kishan Ardhala ...Defendant
Summons To Defendent
Mr. Sai Kishan Ardhala
S/o. Mr. Srinivasa Rao A.,
Aged About 31 Years,
No. 28, Sapinagar Residency, 2nd Cross, Munnekolala, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560 037.
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 2,54,489.56/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Fifty Four Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Nine and Paise Fifty Six Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a.,in **O.S. No. 25889/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20,** Before XXVI Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 21st Day of November 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 01st day of October 2022.
By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560 001
FX & Co., ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No. 11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

IN THE COURT OF THE 57th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE
CCH-58 Hg : 22.11.2022
O.S. No. 25738/2021
Between
ICICI Bank Limited
having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-390007
And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No.4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068 **...Plaintiff**
And
Janga Vishnuvardhan ...Defendant
NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS
To,
Janga Vishnuvardhan,
Aged about 33 years,
S/o. Veerabhadra Rao Janga
R/a. 11/12, Ramamoorthy Enclave, 1st Floor, 15th Cross, 3rd Main, Hoysala Nagar, Bangalore-560016
...Defendant
Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs.4,62,377.35/- as on 08/03/2021 along with interest at 24% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby Summoned to appear before the 57th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore [CCH-58] in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 22/11/2022 at 11 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this 23rd day of September, 2022.
By order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayo hall, Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co., Advocates
No. 109, Commerce House,
9/1, Cunningham Road
Bangalore- 560052

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 20)
O.S. NO. 26318/2019
BETWEEN:
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Chethan Kumar HS.
...PLAINTIFF
AND:
Mr. Nandan Balan M,
...DEFENDANT
Summons
Mr. Nandan Balan M
S/o. Mohan Kumar Aged about 43 years, #29, D2
2nd Floor, 2nd Cross, Vinayaka Nagar, Near Vinayaka Temple, Bangalore- 560036.
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 2,75,592.49/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Five Hundred and Ninety Two and Paise Forty Nine Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 56318/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20,** Before 26th Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 28th Day of November 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 01st day of October 2022.
By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560 001
FX & Co., ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No. 11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDL, CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 20)
O.S. NO. 25629/2019
BETWEEN:
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Mr. Austin Gonsalves.
...Plaintiff
AND:
M/s. Internet World Wide & Others ...Defendant
Summons
1. M/s. Internet World Wide & Others, No. 82/1, Charles Campbell Road, Cox Town, Bangalore-560005
2. Mr. Harish B
Partner of
M/s. Internet World Wide & Others, No. 82/1, Charles Campbell Road, Cox Town, Bangalore-560005
3. Ms. Padmasree Harish Partner of M/s. Internet World Wide & Others, No. 82/1, Charles Campbell Road, Cox Town, Bangalore-560005
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.6,31,355.73/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Five Paise Seventy Three Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a.,in **O.S. No. 25629/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20,** Before 26th Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 29th Day of November 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 24th day of September 2022.
By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560 001
FX & Co., ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No. 11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

SITUATION VACANT

COMPUTERS – IT

SITUATION VACANT

A reputed company engaged in the field of online game (their on App) looking for a senior **UNITY 3D developer** to join with their existing team.
The candidate should possess a bachelor's degree with IT base and has a minimum 5 years's experience in the following areas
UNITY 3 D frontend (C#)
Online games
experienced
PHP, My SQL,
NodeJS knowldge
Basic IT Knowledge
Intrested and eligible candidates may please send their CV to
info@oryxtechs.com

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF XXVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 25321/2020
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 001
Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Uzzal Narzary ...Defendant
Summons
Mr. Uzzal Narzary
S/o. Sumeswar Narzary, Aged about 29 years, No. 434 Thangaraj Camp, Vidya Nagar Cross, Bettahalsur Post, Jala Hobli, Bangalore- 562157.
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 2,94,827.62/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Seven and Paise Sixty Two Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25321/2020** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20,** Before XXVI Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **30th Day of November, 2022** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **24th day of September, 2022.**
By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560 001
FX & Co., ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No. 11/1,
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 25376/2020
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 001
Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Vishal Chudhary ...Defendant
Summons
Mr. Vishal Chudhary
S/o. Shyam Chandra
Aged about 37 years,
78, 1st Floor, 2nd Stage, Astgrama Layout, Basaveshwara Nager, Bangalore- 560079.
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 4,22,679.97/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Nine and Paise Ninety Seven Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25376/2020** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20** Before Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 05th Day of December 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **01st day of October, 2022.**
By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560 001
FX & Co., ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No. 11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005

TENDERS

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE

Water Proofing in Basement

Invite Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed Water Proofing firms for Water Proofing the Existing Basements at the Main Campus, Vellore, Tamil Nadu with an estimated area of about 25,000 Sqft.
Interested firms may download **Prequalification documents** from **12th October 2022** onwards from the **www.cmcvellore.ac.in.** For clarifications, email to **engg@cmcvellore.ac.in**
Completed applications supported by prescribed documents should be submitted in a sealed cover to **The General Superintendent, Christian Medical College, Ida Scudder Road, Vellore - 632004, TN.**

ON OR BEFORE 31ST OCTOBER 2022

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE

Contractor for 350 Bedded Hospital

CMC Vellore proposes to Construct 350 Bedded Hospital, one at their Ranipet Campus, Tamil Nadu and one at Chittoor Campus, Andhra Pradesh.
Prequalification applications are invited from established Engineering Contractors for the Construction of the above Projects. The total builtup area is about 4.00 lakhs sqft. each with Ground+ 7 floors and other related infrastructure developments.
Interested contractors may download **Prequalification Documents** from 12th October 2022 onwards from the **website:www.cmcvellore.ac.in.** For clarifications, email to **engg@cmcvellore.ac.in**
Completed applications supported by prescribed documents should be submitted in a sealed cover to **The General Superintendent, Christian Medical College, Ida Scudder Road, Vellore-632004, TN.**

ON OR BEFORE 31ST OCTOBER 2022

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL COLLEGE

Remodeling Operation Theatre Complex

Invite Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed Engineering firms to Re-model the 40-Year old Existing Operation Theatre complex at the Main Campus, Vellore, Tamil Nadu on Design and Built Basis. The total builtup area is about 57,000 sqft. which includes Ground Floor for Operation Theatres and Basement & First Floors for support services.
Interested firms may download **Prequalification Documents** from **12th October 2022** onwards from the web site **www.cmcvellore.ac.in.** For clarifications, email to **engg@cmcvellore.ac.in**
Completed applications supported by prescribed documents should be submitted in a sealed cover to **The General Superintendent, Christian Medical College, Ida Scudder Road, Vellore-632004, TN.**

ON OR BEFORE 31ST OCTOBER 2022

LEGAL NOTICE

THE COURT OF 26th ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 20)
O.S. NO. 26341/2018
BETWEEN:
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. **...Plaintiff**
V/S
Mr. Rajashekar M., ...Defendant
Summons To Defendent
Mr. Rajashekar M.
S/o. Mariappan, Aged About 37 Years, No. 416, Anusah Nilaya, Hoodi Garden, 2nd Main Road, Thigalarapalya, Opp. ITPL Road, Bangalore-560048.
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.3,99,578.36/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Ninety Nine Thousand Five Hundred and Seventy Eight and Paise Thirty Six Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a.,in **O.S. No. 26341/2018** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20,** Before 26th Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 07th Day of November 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 20th day of September 2022.
By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560 001
FX & Co., ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No. 11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF XXVI ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 25891/2019
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 001
Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Chethan Kumar H.S. ...PLAINTIFF
And
Mr. Janardhan H R ...DEFENDANT
Summons
Mr. Janardhan H R
S/o. Yarehalli Ramiah Ramakrishna
Aged about 38 years,
69/1, West Pipeline,
1st Cross, 1st Main, Opp. Vinayaka Floor Mill, K.B. Nagar, Mysore Road, Bangalore- 560026.
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 6,14,044.65/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Fourteen Thousand and Forty Four Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25891/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20** Before XXVI Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 29th Day of Navember 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **24th day of September, 2022.**
By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560 001
FX & Co., ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No. 11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005

TENDERS

The Pondicherry Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Ltd., No. P.1

Ref No: Ponlait/e-Tender/Engaging Security Service on Contract Basis / 2022
Date : 10.10.2022
E-Tender for Engaging Security Service on Contract Basis at PONLAIT
www.pudutenders.gov.in
(e-Tender id: 2022_COOP_ 11167_1)
Last Date for Submission: 02.11.2022 before 04.00 P.M.
Contact:. 0413-2271607, 9486393295
e-mail id: ponlaitmd@gmail.com
e-procurement cell: 0413-2220225
MANAGING DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF XXVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 25089/2019
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 001
Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Sandeep D. ...Plaintiff
V/s
Mr. Anil Kumar ...Defendant
Summons To Defendent
Mr. Anil Kumar,
S/o. Mr. Subbra Roa,
Aged About 31 Years, No.17, 17th Cross, Gowdanapalya, 2nd Stage, Kumarswamy Layout, Near Srinivasa Theatre, Bangalore- 560 061.
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs.2,69,238.95/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Eight and Paise Ninety Five Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25089/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20** Before XXVI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 16th Day of November 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **01st day of October, 2022.**
By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560 001
FX & Co., ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No. 11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005

IN THE COURT OF XXVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 25890/2019
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560 001
Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Chethan Kumar H.S. ...Plaintiff
V/s.
Mr. Ramender Halder ...Defendant
Summons To Defendent
Mr. Ramender Halder
S/o. Mr. Jatindranath Halder,
Aged About 48 Years,
A308, Suraksha Golden Palms, Nayanappanahalli Road, Saraswathi Puram, Arekere, Bangalore- 560 076.
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 6,98,897.06/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Seven and Paise Six Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25890/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20** Before XXVI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 22nd Day of Navember 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **01st day of October, 2022.**
By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560 001
FX & Co., ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No. 11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 26th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 20)
O.S. NO. 26530/2019
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its Manager and Power of Attorney Holder
Mr. Pramodh G. **...PLAINTIFF**
AND:
Mr. Shaik Ghouse Basha, ...DEFENDANT
Summons
Mr. Shaik Ghouse Basha
S/o. Shaik Tajuddin, Aged about 35 years, Stare PG, 28, 9th Main, BTM 1st Stage, 3rd Cross, Near Kareem Clinic, Bangalore-560029.
Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 4,22,556.93/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty Six and Paise Ninety Three Only)** apart from future interest of 18% p.a.,in **O.S. No. 56530/2019** and same is pending adjudication in **CCH-20,** Before 26th Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall, Bengaluru.
You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the 16th Day of December 2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer to the same, if failed the suit will be decided in your absence, Ex-parte.
Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the 01st day of October 2022.
By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayohall,
BENGALURU- 560 001
FX & Co., ADVOCATES,
New No. 9, Old No. 11/1
Gover Road, Cox Town,
BENGALURU- 560 005.

IN THE COURT OF THE 26th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE CCH-20
O.S. No. 25501/2017
Between
ICICI Bank Limited
having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara-390007
And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No.4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068 **...Plaintiff**
And
Birendra Singh ...Defendants
NOTICE TO DEFENDANTS
To,
Birendra Singh,
Aged about 30 years,
S/o. Radhakrishna Singh,
R/a. 230, Mathru Krupa Building, Venkatapura Main Road, 7th Cross, Bangalore - 560034 **...Defendant**
Whereas the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against the both of you seeking recovery of Rs.2,02,129.53/- as on 28/12/2016 along with interest at 18% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby Summoned to appear before the court of the 26th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore [CCH-20] in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 22/11/2022 at 11 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this 24th day of September, 2022.
By order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayo Hall, Bangalore
Advocate for Plaintiff
Shiva & Co., Advocates
No. 109, Commerce House,
9/1, Cunningham Road
Bangalore- 560052

TO BOOK
THANKSGIVING
Advertisements
in
THE HINDU
Contact:
080 - 22071800 / 22864240
080 - 22071826 / 22071827
Rate per advertisement
(3.5 X 5 cms)
Rs. 750/-

36TH NATIONAL GAMES
GUJARAT 2022
Celebrating Unity Through Sports

Government of Gujarat
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
INDIA
GUJARAT STATE OLYMPIC ASSOCIATION
SPORTS AUTHORITY OF GUJARAT

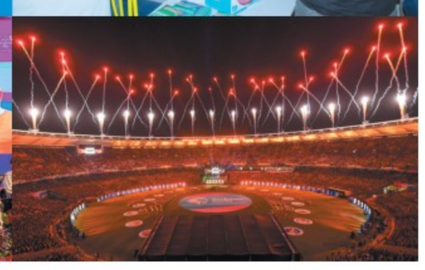
36TH NATIONAL GAMES
GUJARAT 2022

GUJARAT USHERS IN THE NEXT CHAPTER OF INDIAN SPORTING EXCELLENCE

WORLD-CLASS SPORTING EVENT WITH OVER 14000 SPORTSPERSONS, COACHES AND OFFICIALS PLANNED AND EXECUTED BY GUJARAT IN UNDER 100 DAYS

GRANDEST OPENING CEREMONY OF A SPORTS EVENT EVER

GLOBAL STANDARD INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES FOR ATHLETES



CLOSING CEREMONY

The 36th National Games to be Declared Closed by

SHRI JAGDEEP DHANKHAR

Hon'ble Vice President of India

12 October 2022 | 5:00 PM Onwards

Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Indoor Stadium, Surat

381 COMPETITIONS
36 SPORTS
6 HOST CITIES

INAUGURATION OF STATE-OF-THE-ART SWARNIM GUJARAT SPORTS UNIVERSITY

Upon the strong foundation laid by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi since he was the Chief Minister, Gujarat is on its way to becoming India's sports capital

From organising Khel Mahakumbh to spot, nourish and nurture talent to international level training, high-performance centres, data analytics and sports science, Gujarat has heralded a transformational change in the attitude towards sports

With 19 district sports complexes featuring well-equipped district level sport complex and Olympic level state of the art sport complex underway in Ahmedabad, the 36th National games has proved that Gujarat is on its path to host the world's biggest sporting carnival- Olympics

JUDEGA INDIA, JITEGA INDIA Celebrating Unity Through Sports

"Respect in the world has a direct connection with sports. Most of the countries that are on top in the world in development and economy today also top the medals table. The strong performance of the players in the field of play encourages other areas as well. Sports is also a source of 'soft power' in the world."

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

8TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

SHRI BANTWAL RAGHURAMA PRABHU

General Manager (Retd). Canara Bank

DOD : 12th October 2014

Deep in our hearts, you will always stay loved and remembered.

Fondly Remembered & Deeply Missed by:

Maya Prabhu (wife)
Anil & Sunil, Chitra & Jyothi
& Preeti & Niyati
relatives and friends
Ph: 9880447921, 9448076372

IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES

To dedicate a space in this section, Please contact:

Bengaluru: 98455 29981, 080 - 22071826
Hubballi: 0836 - 2338600
Mangaluru: 0824 - 2417575, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Rate for Karnataka:
Minimum: Rs. 320/- for 2 lines.
Extra line: Rs. 160/-
B/W Display: Rs. 95/- per sq.cm;
Colour Display: Rs. 105/- per sq.cm

For Placing Advertisements Online log on to www.thehinduads.com

DONATE EYES GIFT SIGHT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that our client intends to purchase the immovable properties describe in the Schedule below ("Schedule properties") which are owned by the persons specified in the Schedule("owners"). The Owners have represented that they are the absolute owners of their respective portions of land in the Schedule properties having unrestricted rights of alienation over the same.Any person claiming to have any manner of right, title, benefit demand, claim or interest in relation to the Schedule properties, or any par thereof, by way of sale, exchange, let, lease, license, assignment, mortgage or in any other manner, is hereby called upon to lodge his/their objections and/or claims in writing along with documentary evidence in support thereof, with the undersigned within 7(Seven) days from the date of this notice. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that no person, except the Owners, has/have any right over the Schedule properties and claim/s if any, will be deemed to have been waived

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

The immovable properties being the agriculture lands totally measuring 6 Acres 38 Guntas situated at Palya Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District as Described below:

Sy. No's.	Extent		BOUNDARIES				OWNER NAME
	Acres	Guntas	East	West	North	South	
3/15	02	18	Land bearing Sy No. 3/16	Land bearing Sy No. 3/14	Private Property	Land bearing Sy No. 3/16 & 3/17	Sri Chikka Veerabhadrappa
3/17	02	20	Land bearing Sy No. 3/16	Land bearing Sy No. 3/18	Land bearing Sy No. 3/14 and 3/15	Land bearing Sy No. 3/20 & 3/23	Smt. M. C. Vasundaramma
3/20	02	00	Private Property	Land bearing Sy No 3/23	Land bearing Sy No 3/16 & Sy No. 3/17	Land bearing Sy No. 3/21	Sri Chikka Veerabhadrappa

ROOPA SHETTY, Advocate
LEX SITUS, No.810, 'BILWAPRIYA PLATINA', 2nd Floor, 27thMain Road, HSR Layout, Sector 1, Bangalore - 560102. Phone: 080-22583563,99020 26199. Email: info@lexsitus.com

Executive Engineer, Public Works Department,

No.1, Buildings Division, S.J.P. Campus, Bengaluru.
Phone: 080-22255210

No.: EE/Bld1/JE-3/22/2022-23 Date: 07.10.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT-TERM TENDER

The above Department is invited tenders through GoK e-Procurement portal **(http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** from the eligible tenderers for the gollowing works.

Name of the work: (1) Renovation of Reading Room at 3rd stage in Legislator's Home-2 in Bengaluru (KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT156844). Approx. value of work: **Rs.36.30 lakhs.** EMD: **Rs.73,000/-.** Period of completion: **3 Months. (2)** Renovation of Library Room at 3rd Stage in Legislator's Home-2 in Bengaluru. KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT156820. Approx. value of work: **Rs.56.45 lakhs.** EMD: **Rs.1,13,000/-.** Period of completion: **4 Months.** Cost of tender document for Each work is as per e-Portal. Last date for downloading and submission of tender documents online through e-Procurement portal on or **before 4.00 pm on 14.10.2022.** Opening of tender will be as per e-Procurement portal guidlines. Other details can be seen in the tender documents and also further information can be obtain from the above office or from e-Procurement portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/DD-CP/2564/MCA/2022-23 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

KKRTC CIVIL DIVISION, KALABURAGI

MSK Mill Road, Jewargi Cross Kalaburagi.

No: KKT/EEG/KLB/DB/ 622 /2022-23 Date: 10/10/2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION NO. 04/2022-23 (CALL-2)

Through GOK e-procurement platform WWW.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

Eligible Class-I Contractors/Firms registered in Karnataka at KPWD/CPWD / MES are hereby invited for the below civil works in Two cover system through E-procurement portal mode.

1) Name of work : **Construction of Drivers Training Institute at Telkur Village Tq: Sedam Dist: Kalaburagi,** 2) Amount put to Tender (Rs in lakhs) : **1500.00,** 3) Last date for receipt of tenders : **27-10-2022**

The tender schedule will be available on the web site mentioned as below. **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Telephone No. 08472-220663

Sd/-
Executive Engineer

DIP/Kalaburagi/709/MC&A/2022-23

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಪಂಚಾಯತ್‌ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ,
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

ಸಂಸಂ: ಕಾಪಾಇಂ/ಪಂರಾಇಂ/ವಿ/ದಾ/ಸ.ಇಂ2/2022–23/1435 ದಿ:06.10.2022

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಈ ವಿಭಾಗ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಜಗಳೂರು ವಿಧಾನಸಭಾ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ 2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ 5054 ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ರಸ್ತೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯೋಜನೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಐಟಂವಾರು ದರಗಳನ್ನು ನಮೂದಿಸಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ದ್ವಿ ಮತ್ತು ಏಕ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇಲಾಖಾ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿಯ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:17/10/2022 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:08192–250156 ಅಥವಾ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.inವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯ ಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ವಾಸಾಇ/ಡಿವಿಜಿ/514/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022–23

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ.ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: SEE/Tr(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-2/F-34/2022-23/2922-23 Dt: 10.10.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

KPTCL invites bid against enquiry No. **KPTCL/SEE/ Tr(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-2/Shift/EPR-303, 304, 306, 307, 309, 311, 313, 316, 317, 318, 320, 321, 322, 324, 326, 327, 328, 329, 332, 334, 336/Call-2 Dtd: 16.09.2022** for "**Providing manpower services for carrying out shift operations and minor maintenance works at various 220kV Receiving stations and 66kV Sub-Stations under various packages (21 packages) coming under Ramanagara Circle, KPTCL, Bengaluru jurisdiction".**

The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-Procurement portal process can be obtained by logging into KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with **hyperlink 'e-Procurement- KPTCL' or https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or after 16.00 hrs 12.10.2022.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele), Tr(M.), Ramanagara Circle, 220/66/11kV V.V.Valley R/S, 1st Floor, Near R.R. Nagar Arch, Pantharapalya, Mysuru Road, Bengaluru-39. Ph: 080-29620155

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Zilla Panchayath, Ballari.
Office of Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Ballari.

No.: EE/RDWS&SD/B/JE-1/JJM/Tender/2022-23/1328
Dated: 10.10.2022

E-tender Notification (KTTP Act 2000)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Ballari hereby calls the e-tender for execution of Retrofitting works for **Providing pipeline and FHTC's in Rural habitations works of Ballari Taluks** works under Jal Jeevan Mission head, **respectively** through e-procurement for bidders who are Registered by Public work department. The information regarding tenders will be made available in **(www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** website & Tender document download date **11.10.2022**, The last date to receive the tender from eligible bidders is at 5.00pm on **25.10.2022** Date of opening of Technical Bid is at 11.00 Cm on **27.10.2022** and Pre-bid meeting is held at Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Division, Ballari, Above SBI Bank, Sudha Cross, Cantonment on **21.10.2022** For further more information contact above said Office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RDW & S Division, Ballari.
DIPR/Ballari/535/MCA/2022-23

CHAMUNDESHWARI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY CORPORATION LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Corporate Office, Procurement Section, CESC, Mysuru-570017.
Phone No.:9448994705 Website: www.cescmysore.org Email:gmpurc@cescmysore.org

NO:CESC/GM(P)/DGM(P)/AGM (P-1)/2022-23/14483 Date: 11-10-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement Portal Only)

CESC, Mysore invites Short Term Tenders from eligible bidders for the following works:

S.L.No.	Works Details	Enquiry No. / Date
1.	Shifting of the existing HT/LT lines and Transformer within the proposed Airport corridor at Boovanahally, Tindihally and S. Dyavalapura limits of Shanthigrama Section, Dudda Sub Division, Hassan Division.	C2-5349/11-10-2022

The details regarding participation in the tender can be obtained through e-procurement portal **http//www.eproc.karnataka.gov.**in on or after **13-10-2022.** For clarification contact help desk 080-46010000/22631200/68948777 or e-mail address **support@eprochelpdesk.com.**

For Electricity related complaints Call: 1912

Sd/-
General Manager (Procurement), CESC, Mysuru.

DIPR/MYS/KAVITA/553/2022-23

THE HUTTI GOLD MINES COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Hutti - 584 115, Raichur Dist., Karnataka State. Ph: (08537) 275463, 276339, 275054
e-Mail: material276339@gmail.com website: www.huttigold.co.in

TENDER NOTIFICATION No.33/22-23, Dt. 12.10.2022

(Through e-Procurement Portal only)

Tenders are invited by "The Dy.General Manager (Materials)" for the procurement of following items from reputed manufacturers/authorized dealers, as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Description	Approx. Value (Rs. in Lakhs)	EMD in (Rs.)
1	High capacity auxiliary fan auxiliary fan for mechanised development with diesel equipments. **HGML/2022-23/IND3421**	43.50	87,000/-
2	Procurement of ophthalmic OT microscope with table and chair. **HGML/2022-23/IND3428**	15.00	37,500/-
3	Tender for providing digital TV network for HGML employees with MPEG -4 technology. **HGML/SERVICE/157/2021-22/CALL-3**	-	75,000/-
4	Procurement of high end multi para monitor. **HGML/2022-23/IND3431**	12.00	30,000/-
5	Complete structure stability test of conveyors and sag mill structure as per DGMS reg. **HGML/2022-23/OW/WORK_INDENT412**	20.50	41,000/-
6	Fabricate & supply of steel/GI items. **HGML/2022-23/IND3425**	19.44	49,000/-
7	Construction of roof truss work to open area at Vijaya Mahanteshwara mutt at karadkal. **HGML/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT414**	9.12	23,000/-
8	Supply of G M wheel valves of different sizes. **HGML/2022-23/IND3433**	33.13	66,500/-
9	Contract for providing 14 No of general workmen to be deployed below ground works at HBGM, Heerabuddini. **HGML/SERVICE/165/2022-23**	9.92	25,000/-
10	Transportation of river sand to HGML. **HGML/SERVICE/160/2022-23/CALL-2**	21.20	42,500/-

1) Last date for receipt of tender:- **29.10.2022 at 4.00 P.M**
2) Opening of Technical Bid on :- **01.11.2022 at 10.00 A.M**

For further details interested bidders are advised to log on to website **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact the office of undersigned during working hours. For participating in the above tender bidder needs to be registered in e-procurement portal.

Sd/- Dy. General Manager (Materials)

"LEADING GOLD PRODUCER IN INDIA"

M BG-BGE

INBRIEF

Disruption in power supply on Thursday

There will be disruption in power supply on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the areas serviced from 66/11 KV HBR Layout MUSS to carry out periodical maintenance works.

According to a release from BESCOM, East Circle, the areas to be affected are: HBR 1st and 2nd Blocks, Yasin Nagar, Subhash Layout, Rama Temple Road, Ramdev Garden, Krishna Reddy Layout, Teachers Colony, HBR 3rd Block, Shivaramaiah Layout, Ring Road Service road, K.K. Halli Village, CMR Road, Kammanahalli Main Road, Ramaiah Layout, Lingarajapuram, Janakiram Layout, Kanakadasa Layout, Govindapura main road, Rashad nagar, K.G.Halli, Govindpura Village, KG Halli, Vinobhanagar, BM layout, Arogyam layout, Kaveri Garden and surrounding areas, HBR Layout, 4th Block, Yasin Nagar, 5th Block, HBR Nagawara main road, Nagawara, Byrankunte, Kuppuswamy Layout, HKBK Thanisandra, R.K.Hegde Nagar, K.Narayanpura, N.N.Halli, Balaji Layout, Phase 1 to 3, Railway mens Layout, BDS Layout, K. K. Halli, Hennur Main Road, Oil Mill Road, and and surrounding areas.

Text & Context

A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (October 12, Wednesday), the following explainer is available:

- The Ashoka Vijaya Dashami controversy bit.ly/ambedkarvow

You can use your smartphone's inbuilt features to access this article. If it's an Android phone, use Google Lens to read and tap the url to access the article. If it's an iPhone, use Live Text on camera to do the same.

BBMP's quick fix of using cold mix asphalt provides no lasting solution

Civic body had directed zonal officials to use cold mix asphalt when it was raining and later use hot mix asphalt to fill potholes, but motorists complain the BBMP is yet to fill potholes and that many roads have been filled using cold mix asphalt and even with crushed stones

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

BBMP workers filling a pothole at Subhash Chandra Bose Road.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), which has a responsibility to fill potholes in the city, continues to use cold mix asphalt to fix potholes on roads during rains, despite it being a temporary solution. As the rains have resumed in Bengaluru over the last couple of days, citizens fear that they will have to contend with more potholes.

The civic body, which claims there are only 1,051 potholes in Bengaluru after the downpour which created waterlogging in many parts last month, had issued directions to its zonal officials to use cold mix asphalt when it was raining and later use hot mix asphalt to fill potholes.

However, motorists complain that the BBMP is yet to fill the potholes and many roads have been filled using cold mix asphalt and even using crushed stones in a haphazard manner.

Prasanna Kumar, a motorist who passes through Dairy Circle every day to reach Shanthinagar, said: "I recently saw the BBMP filling the potholes using

Another commuter Manohara Kumar said: "The BBMP is fooling people by saying they are filling potholes, but we see potholes being formed in the same spot within a few days after the civic body has filled the pothole".

Meanwhile, BBMP officials say that both the cold mix asphalt and the hot mix asphalt, according to the season, are a good solution for potholes in the city. The cold mix asphalt mix is good during the monsoon since it is easy to prepare, compared to the hot mix asphalt.

"Owing to the rains, preparing the hot mix asphalt is not possible since it requires jelly and asphalt which are mixed and heated to 150 degrees Celsius and maintained at 100 degrees Celsius. But the cold mix asphalt is easy to prepare but does not last long. However, it is widely used during the rainy season," a BBMP official said.

The BBMP has also proposed to set up a cold mix asphalt plant in the city, similar to the hot mix asphalt plant which has already been set up at Kannur, around 20 km from the city.

The Kannur plant was set up in an attempt to bring more accountability and reduce the BBMP's dependence on contractors. Now the civic body is in the process of setting up a cold mix asphalt plant in Kengeri, for which they have called for a tender.

In the previous system, it was the contractor who provided the asphalt mix which could be of questionable quality. Now after the Kannur plant was set up, the civic body officials say more quality control was visible.

"In the hot mix asphalt process, the asphalt mix has to be maintained at a certain temperature. If the temperature drops, the mix cannot be used to fill potholes," officials explained and said that the special vehicles are equipped to maintain the temperature for a maximum of four hours. "The hot mix asphalt from the plant can be transported to any part of the city within two hours," officials claimed.

Cold mix asphalt can be prepared by mixing aggregates with bitumen emulsion at ambient temperature on the spot compared to the hot mix asphalt prepared at a temperature of 155 degrees Celsius, the official explained.

BCG revaccination can boost immune efficacy of Covishield, finds study

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

BCG vaccine is routinely administered in many countries at birth. K. MURALI KUMAR

A multi-institutional study led by researchers from St. John's Research Institute has found that BCG revaccination of young adults can boost the immune efficacy of Covishield vaccine.

Published last week in Frontiers in Immunology, a peer-reviewed journal, this study provides the first in-depth analysis of immune responses to Covishield, the first and most widely distributed COVID-19 vaccine in India.

BCG vaccine is routinely administered in many countries at birth. When given for the second time in young adults, this group of researchers previously showed that it could boost immune responses targeting genes expressed by Mycobacterium tuberculosis (the causative agent of TB) without any adverse effects.

Historical evidence

There is historical evidence on the beneficial effects of BCG vaccination enhancing immune responses more widely, beyond its known protective effects in preventing TB in the young, including enhancing immune responses specifically induced by a variety of vaccines.

This prompted the research team to explore the impact of BCG revaccination of young adults on immune responses induced by the Covishield vaccine as part of the first COVID-19 vaccine roll out programme in India.

Annapurna Vyakarnam, Professor of Microbial Immunology at King's College, London and Adjunct Professor at St. John's Research Institute and her research team along with scientists at Christian Medical College, Vellore, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre, Seattle, USA, Radboud and Leiden University, Netherlands conducted an in depth analysis of Covishield induced immune responses in those revaccinated with BCG and control non-revaccinated subjects over time measuring responses induced by the first dose of Covishield.

They were then followed up to 23 weeks post administration of the second dose.

As many as 103 healthcare workers aged 18-24 at St. John's Medical College Hospital, who had all received BCG vaccine at birth, were recruited for the study from October 2019 to June 2021. Those with chronic illness such as hypertension, diabetes mellitus, heart disease, cancer, kidney/thyroid illness, asthma, epilepsy, jaundice or with a history of clinical tuberculosis disease and on medication were excluded.

"Of the 103, as many as 66 were confirmed Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) negative (who probably did not have the TB bacteria in their body). While 35 received BCG revaccination and 31 did not prior to getting the COVID jab (Covishield). Compared to unvaccinated individuals, BCG revaccinated individuals had significantly better responses to the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein, including immune response critical for the control of both the Wuhan-Hu-1 and Delta variants of SARS-CoV-2," Prof. Vyakarnam told *The Hindu* on Tuesday.

"Importantly, our research showed that BCG had the inherent capacity to boost the hosts' first line of defence, which includes immune cells critical in general for vaccine induced immunity," she said.

"Our study was designed to test whether immune responses induced by highly efficacious Covishield can be further boosted in a SARS-CoV-2 infection and vaccine naïve population. The fact that BCG does have this potential in a young healthy population calls for further analysis... We highlight the potential of using a cheap and globally available vaccine as an adjuvant for novel and emerging vaccines, an area of significant scientific interest, with the added advantage that the timeline over which BCG adjuvant effects have been noted span several years," Prof. Vyakarnam further added.

"Our findings provide a rational basis for more expanded research on BCG vaccination induced immunity. BCG revaccination of adults can be considered as a low-cost and globally acceptable future pandemic preparedness plan to enhance population immunity to future vaccines targeting current and emerging infectious agents," she added.

Loan recovery: Dalit workers assaulted, locked up in Chikkamagaluru district

The Hindu Bureau
HASSAN

A coffee estate owner and his son allegedly assaulted Dalit women labourers and locked them up in their home at Husanehalli in Chikkamagaluru district of Karnataka on October 8 in connection with the recovery of a loan.

A case was registered against Jagadish Gowda and his son Tilak at Balehonnur police station under the SC-ST Atrocities Act 2015, besides the relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code, on October 11, on the basis of a complaint by Arpitha, 20, one of the labourers.

Six Dalit families had been working in the estate for the last three months. They were staying in the workers' colony on the estate.

The owner had allegedly beaten up Manju, one of the workers, 15 days ago in connection with a quarrel with the neighbours.

This triggered unrest among the workers. They decided not to work in the estate and leave the place. However, the owner insisted that they could leave the place only after returning the money they had borrowed from him.

On October 8, the accused allegedly scolded the workers for not returning the money and snatched their phones as well. Jagadish allegedly assaulted Arpitha as she refused to hand over her phone. Her husband, Vijay, and two other workers – Roopa and Kavitha – were also allegedly assaulted. Later, the women workers were locked up in a house in the workers' colony.

They were released as Arpitha, who is pregnant, complained of pain. She filed a complaint after undergoing treatment in Chikkamagaluru.

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020

No.: BDA/EE(DSKL-1)/TEN/02/2022-2023 Date: 11.10.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT) SHORT TERM TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in)

1. The Executive Engineer, DSKL Division-I, Bangalore Development Authority(BDA), Bengaluru, on behalf of the Commissioner, Bangalore Development Authority, Bengaluru, invites tenders from eligible tenderers, for the construction of works detailed in the Table. The tenderers may submit tenders for any or all the works given in the Table. Two Tender Document System as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. The Tenderers are required simultaneously submit two separate electronic document, first containing the Earnest money deposit and the details of their capability to undertake the tender (as detailed in ITT Clause 2 and 3), which will be opened first and the second containing the price tender (as detailed in Section 4 and 9) which will be opened only if the Tenderer is found to be qualified to execute the tendered works. The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract.
2. Tender documents shall be available for download free of cost from the date and time of publication of the tenders on the Government of Karnataka, Karnataka Public Procurement Portal (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) till the last date and time or the extended time of submission specified on the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal. Interested tenderers may obtain further information at the Office of the Executive Engineer, DSKL Division-I, Room No. 413, B Block, 3rd floor, Bangalore Development Authority, T.Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560 020.
3. Tenders must be accompanied by Earnest Money Deposit and a non-refundable Tender processing fee specified for the work in the Table below. Earnest money deposit and Tender processing fee will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the tender document.
4. Tenders must be uploaded on Government of Karnataka, Karnataka Public Procurement Portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in on or before the last date and time as detailed in para 9, so as to be received by the Employer and First Electronic Document will be opened on the date and time on the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal as detailed in para 9, without requiring the presence of tenderers or in the presence of Tenderers or in the presence of the Tenderers' representatives, who wish to attend at Office of the Executive Engineer, DSKL Division-I, Room No. 413, B Block, 3rd floor, Bangalore Development Authority, T.Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560 020. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the tenders as specified, the tenders will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.
5. A Pre-tender meeting will be held on the time, date and address, as detailed in para 9 at Office of the Engineer Member, Bangalore Development Authority, T.Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560 020, to clarify the issues if any, and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage as stated in Clause 8.2 of 'Instructions to Tenderers' of the tender document.
6. The Rates quoted shall be exclusive of Goods and Service Tax (GST) (Except for electrical works), and is separately reimbursed by the Employer at the prevailing rates to the Contract amount as per the Government orders, and as amended from time to time. Reimbursement of GST is not applicable to electrical works for which bidder has to quote the rates inclusive of GST.
7. Other details can be seen in the tender documents.
8. For details, registration and e-payment visit Government of Karnataka, Karnataka Public Procurement Portal website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact e-Procurement Helpdesk at 080- 46010000 / 68948777.

TABLE

Sl No	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs. in Crores)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. in Crores)	Tender processing fee (Rs.)	Period of completion
1	**Contract-1:** Formation of Sites and Construction of Roads, Road side drains, Cross Drainage Works, Storm Water Drains, Rain Water Harvesting, Protection Works including Utilities (Water Supply, UGD and Electrical Works) Development for Dr K. Shivarama Karantha Layout, Sector-1, Bengaluru.	267.77	2.68	Refer to the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal	18 months including monsoon period
2	**Contract-2:** Formation of Sites and Construction of Roads, Road side drains, Cross Drainage Works, Storm Water Drains, Rain Water Harvesting, Protection Works including Utilities (Water Supply, UGD and Electrical Works) Development for Dr K. Shivarama Karantha Layout, Sector-2, Bengaluru.	215.05	2.16	Refer to the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal	18 months including monsoon period
3	**Contract-3:** Formation of Sites and Construction of Roads, Road side drains, Cross Drainage Works, Storm Water Drains, Rain Water Harvesting, Protection Works including Utilities (Water Supply, UGD and Electrical Works) Development for Dr K. Shivarama Karantha Layout, Sector-3, Bengaluru.	224.79	2.25	Refer to the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal	18 months including monsoon period
4	**Contract-4:** Formation of Sites and Construction of Roads, Road side drains, Cross Drainage Works, Storm Water Drains, Rain Water Harvesting, Protection Works including Utilities (Water Supply, UGD and Electrical Works) Development for Dr K. Shivarama Karantha Layout, Sector-4, Bengaluru.	212.16	2.13	Refer to the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal	18 months including monsoon period
5	**Contract-5:** Formation of Sites and Construction of Roads, Road side drains, Cross Drainage Works, Storm Water Drains, Rain Water Harvesting, Protection Works including Utilities (Water Supply, UGD and Electrical Works) Development for Dr K. Shivarama Karantha Layout, Sector-5, Bengaluru.	273.62	2.74	Refer to the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal	18 months including monsoon period
6	**Contract-6:** Formation of Sites and Construction of Roads, Road side drains, Cross Drainage Works, Storm Water Drains, Rain Water Harvesting, Protection Works including Utilities (Water Supply, UGD and Electrical Works) Development for Dr K. Shivarama Karantha Layout, Sector-6, Bengaluru.	254.65	2.55	Refer to the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal	18 months including monsoon period
7	**Contract-7:** Formation of Sites and Construction of Roads, Road side drains, Cross Drainage Works, Storm Water Drains, Rain Water Harvesting, Protection Works including Utilities (Water Supply, UGD and Electrical Works) Development for Dr K. Shivarama Karantha Layout, Sector-7, Bengaluru.	354.21	3.55	Refer to the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal	18 months including monsoon period
8	**Contract-8:** Formation of Sites and Construction of Roads, Road side drains, Cross Drainage Works, Storm Water Drains, Rain Water Harvesting, Protection Works including Utilities (Water Supply, UGD and Electrical Works) Development for Dr K. Shivarama Karantha Layout, Sector-8, Bengaluru.	326.82	3.27	Refer to the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal	18 months including monsoon period
9	**Contract-9:** Formation of Sites and Construction of Roads, Road side drains, Cross Drainage Works, Storm Water Drains, Rain Water Harvesting, Protection Works including Utilities (Water Supply, UGD and Electrical Works) Development for Dr K. Shivarama Karantha Layout, Sector-9, Bengaluru.	376.80	3.77	Refer to the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal	18 months including monsoon period

9. Following shall be the calendar of events for Tendering: Downloading of Tender Document: **12.10.2022.** Last date and Time for receipt of Queries: **15.10.2022 up to 16.00 Hrs.** Date and Time of Pre-tender meeting: **17.10.2022 at 11.00 Hrs.** Place of Pre-tender meeting: **Office of the Engineer Member, Bangalore Development Authority, T.Chowdaiah road, Kumarapark West, Bengaluru-560 020.** Last date and time for receipt of tender: **19.10.2022 up to 16.00 Hrs.** Time and date of opening of First Electronic Document (Technical Bid): **21.10.2022 at 16.30 Hrs.** Place of opening of First Electronic Document (Technical Bid): **Office of the Executive Engineer, DSKL Division-I, Bangalore Development Authority, T.Chowdaiah road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560 020**. Time and date of opening of Second Electronic Document (Financial bid): **Will be intimated to the qualified tenderers**. Place of opening of Second Electronic Document (Financial Bid): Will be intimated to the qualified tenderers.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, DSKL Division-I, Bangalore Development Authority, Bengaluru.

मुख्यमंत्री रोजगार सृजन योजना
CMEGP
भू-राजस्व
मामलों का निपटारा
भू-लगान रसीद
धोती, साड़ी, लुंगी वितरण
बिजली तथा पेयजल समस्याओं का निपटारा
किसान क्रेडिट कार्ड (के.सी.सी.)
फूलो झानो आशीर्वाद अभियान
कृषि यंत्रीकरण हेतु किसानों का पंजीयन
हरा राशन कार्ड
सेवा के अधिकार अंतर्गत आवेदनों का निष्पादन
मुख्यमंत्री पशुधन विकास योजना
असंगठित श्रमिकों का e-shram में निबंधन
सावित्रीबाई फुले किशोरी समृद्धि योजना
15 वें वित्त आयोग अंतर्गत योजना
सर्वजन पेंशन योजना
प्रवासी श्रमिकों/परिवारों का श्रमाधान में निबंधन
राशन कार्ड का आधार से लिंक
मनरेगा अंतर्गत हर गांव में न्यूनतम 5-5 योजनाओं का शुभारंभ
अन्य लोक-कल्याणकारी योजनाओं के आवेदन

झारखण्ड सरकार
GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND
सत्यमेव जयते

आपकी योजना आपकी सरकार आपके द्वार

पहला चरण
12-22 अक्टूबर, 2022

दूसरा चरण
01-14 नवम्बर, 2022

वर्ष 2021 के आंकड़े

कुल शिविर	कुल प्राप्त आवेदन	कुल निष्पादित आवेदन
6,867	35.95 लाख	35.53 लाख

सबको मिले अधिकार...
इसलिए आपकी सरकार
फिर से आ रही आपके द्वार

अधिक जानकारी के लिए :- https://sarkaraapkedwar.jharkhand.gov.in/

PR NO - 279577 IPRD (22-23) D

सूचना एवं जनसंपर्क विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार

INBRIEF

CM promises to meet Union Minister to follow up on AIIMS

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who launched the BJP's Jana Sankalpa Yatra from Raichur district on Tuesday, promised to personally meet the Union Health Minister in Delhi next week to discuss the prospects of setting up AIIMS in Raichur. He said that a special industrial project for the district will be announced next month. Also, the process of floating tenders for construction of the airport in Raichur at a cost of ₹219 crore was complete and construction work would begin soon. He said the bridge across the Tungabhadra in Karnataka-Andhra Pradesh inter-State border rebuilt during the erstwhile BJP government led by B.S. Yediyurappa after it collapsed due to floods in 2009 would be rechristened "Yediyurappa bridge" shortly.

CM has tea at Dalit's house; seeks blessings at Mantralaya

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, who embarked upon a State tour from Raichur district on Tuesday to boost the BJP's poll prospects, paid a visit to the nearby Mantralaya besides having tea at a Dalit's house. Mr. Bommai visited Mantralaya in Andhra Pradesh after commencing the tour and offered puja to Sri Raghavendra Swami. Later, the Chief Minister visited the house of Ayyappa Krishnappa, in Gillesuguru village in Raichur district, and had tea with his family.

Seminar today on Kannada language development Bill

Kannada Sahitya Parishat will hold a seminar on Wednesday to discuss the implementation of 'Kannada language comprehensive development Bill 2022'. According to a release, it will be attended by Ministers J.C. Madhuswamy and V. Sunil Kumar, writers Chandrasekhara Kambara and S.L. Bhyrappa, among others. The seminar will be held on the parishat premises in Chamarajpet from 11 a.m. onwards.

CM begins State tour by training guns on Rahul's yatra, invoking quota hike

Bommai says Bharat Jodo Yatra is being taken out to relaunch the Congress leader and protect his identity; Yediyurappa expresses confidence that BJP will win 150 of total 224 seats in polls

Ravikumar Narboli
GILLESUGURU (RAICHUR DIST.)

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai being presented a sheep during the Jana Sankalpa Yatra at Gillesuguru village in Raichur district on Tuesday. SANTOSH SAGAR

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday commenced the State tour of Jana Sankalpa Yatre that seeks to drum up support for the BJP ahead of 2023 Assembly polls in an aggressive manner by launching a tirade against Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Siddaramaiah.

Accompanied by his predecessor B.S. Yediyurappa, he made it a point to invoke government's recent decision to hike quota for Scheduled Castes and Tribes.

Relaunching Rahul

Mr. Bommai, who began his tour from Gillesuguru village of Raichur Rural Assembly Constituency in Raichur district, ridiculed the Bharat Jodo Yatra of Mr. Gandhi that is presently passing through Karnataka as a yatra that is being taken out only to "relaunch Rahul Gandhi." The sole intention of Bharat Jodo yatra is to help retain Mr. Gandhi's identity, he said. Incidentally, Mr. Gandhi is scheduled to visit this Assembly constituency when the Bharat Jodo Yatra passes through Raichur district.

Describing the decision taken by his government to increase reservation for SCs and STs, he questioned what the Congress that was in power for a long time did for the welfare of the oppressed communities. The Chief Minister trained his guns at Mr. Siddaramaiah and remarked that he who comes from Socialist background had actually forgotten Socialist ideology after he joined the Congress.

Dig at Siddaramaiah

In an obvious reference to the videos of Mr. Siddaramaiah running during the yatra holding the hand of Mr. Gandhi, the Chief Minister said, "You are working under the instructions of a young boy." He said though Mr. Siddaramaiah was a leader of Ahinda (Kannada acronym for Minorities, OBCs and Dalits) communities, OBCs and Dalits had already abandoned him.

Taking a dig at Mr. Siddaramaiah for calling him a "puppet of RSS", Mr. Bommai argued that RSS was a patriotic organisation. "The contribution of RSS in nation building is immense. What morality does Mr. Siddaramaiah have to criticise it?" he questioned. Accusing the erstwhile Congress regime of indulging in corruption scandals, he reiterated that they would be inquired into.

On his part, Mr. Yediyurappa expressed confidence that the BJP would win 150 of the total 224 seats in Assembly elections in 2023 and said that no one could prevent the party from coming to power again. "The dream of Mr. Siddaramaiah to become the Chief Minister again will not come true. He is making allegations against the BJP government related to corruption. Everybody knows about him. Who gave him a luxury wristwatch when he was the Chief Minister and why?" he asked.

The BJP leaders are touring the State in three different teams. While the teams led by party national general secretary Arun Singh and State president Nalin Kumar Kateel have already begun their tour, the team spearheaded by Mr. Bommai and Mr. Yediyurappa will cover about 50 Assembly seats in their tour.

'Many communities aspiring for quota'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

With the demand for reservation intensifying from different communities following the State government's decision to increase quota for SCs and STs, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday said there are indeed aspirations from all communities and appropriate decisions will be taken after due consideration.

Panchamasali Lingayats have been demanding quota under Category 2-A of backward classes, as against the present 3-B, Kurubas, who are currently OBCs, have been demanding to be bracketed under ST. The Veerashaiva-Lingayats and Vokkaligas are keen to be included in the central OBC list.

Speaking to reporters here, Mr. Bommai said, "We have taken up SC/ST communities first. We are working on giving legal protection to it." On the issue of reservation related to backward classes, he said the permanent backward classes commission in the State is looking into it. "Based on the recommendations made by the commission and taking experts' opinion into account, the government will take appropriate decisions from time to time," he said.

Rahul Gandhi interacts with women workers in unorganised sectors

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during his interaction with women workers at Siddapura in Chitradurga on Tuesday.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, whose Bharat Jodo Yatra is going through Karnataka, on Tuesday interacted with women labourers of MNREGA, anganwadi workers, ASHAs, waste-pickers, and beedi rollers in various parts of Chitradurga district.

There were also discussions with women on domestic violence and alcoholism among men in the households, with many demanding liquor ban, according to a release.

Kotramma, a MNREGA worker from Hagari Bommanahalli, said at present, work was limited to 100 days per family and wages were ₹309. She demanded that the cap be increased to 200 days and daily wage raised to ₹600 in the context of price rise.

Bhagyamma, an ASHA in Hulikunta village, said her entire earnings was based on an incentive system that has no stability and that she was not getting paid in time.

Geeta, who works as a waste-picker in Davangere city, said her job was considered taboo in society, but she had no option but to resort to it like her ancestors, as they had no access to education.

In the course of one of the interactions, Lakshmi Devi, who works as a guest teacher in Kudligi, who was born without hands, showed how she had adapted herself to write using her feet. She explained how she successfully pursued B.Ed. degree and built a life for herself. Mr. Gandhi admired her faith in life and said he couldn't have got himself educated in the manner that she had, if he was born with the same disadvantage.

Eight State-based registered unrecognised parties delisted

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

Eight Karnataka-based registered unrecognised political parties (RUPPs) have been delisted while eight others have been notified as "inactive" by the Election Commission of India as part of the nationwide crackdown on RUPPs that have not participated in election process nor have complied with statutory obligations.

Delisted RUPPs	RUPPs marked inactive
Indian Voters Welfare Party	Taayi Nadu Party
Karnataka Kranthi Dal	Rashtriya Praja Chakravyuha Party
Nava Nirmana Nagarika Samithi	Kannada Naadu Party
Rashtriya Janandolana Paksha	Janapriya Children First Party of India
Swarna Yuga Party	Bharathiya Praja Shakthi
Tippu Sultan National Republic Party	Bharathiya Nethaji Party
United Indian Democratic Council	All Indians' Gandhi Congress
Urs Samyuktha Paksha	

What they lose and why

The ECI's recent announcement comes as part of nationwide action in which it declared a total of 253 RUPPs across the country as inactive and declared 86 "non-existent." While an inactive RUPP loses the benefits of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968, the non-existent RUPPs will be deleted from the list and the benefits under the Symbols Order, 1968, will be withdrawn.

The ECI has said that the eight RUPPs will be marked as "inactive" in the register of RUPPs maintained by the Commission under Section 29A of Representation of People Act, 1951. In June 2022, the Commission had delisted Rashtriya Hindusthan Sena and Karnataka Thamizhar Munnetra Kazhagam, both Karnataka-based. The action against RUPPs is being taken as more than 90% of them had not submitted audited reports despite claiming income tax exemptions.

Following the development, Karnataka now has 82 registered unrecognised political parties.

Tax exemptions

The Election Commission took the decision based on the report of the Chief Electoral Officer of Karnataka. Similar action has been initiated against

This is part of the nationwide crackdown on RUPPs that have not taken part in poll process nor have complied with statutory obligations

RUPPs in Bihar, Delhi Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and Telangana. According to the Election Commission, across India 199 RUPPs claimed ₹445 crore exemption in 2018-2019 while 219 RUPPs claimed exemption of ₹ 608 crore in 2019-2020. It said 66 RUPPs which claimed a total exemption of ₹385 crore in 2019-2020 have not submitted contribution report mandated under the Act.

"The inactive parties are those who have not responded to the letter or notice delivered to them and have not contested a single election to either legislative assembly or the Parliament since 2014," the Election Commission noted.

Since 2014, Karnataka has gone to Assembly elections in 2018 and parliamentary election in 2019 besides a host of by-elections to legislative assembly. The election to the State legislative assembly is around the corner and is scheduled to take place in April/May 2023.

According to the ECI, these RUPPs have failed to comply with statutory requirements for more than 16 compliances since 2015 and continue to default. "Immediate corrective measures are warranted in larger public interest as well as for the purity of electoral democracy," the Commission said, adding that corrective measures have been taken to discharge the mandate of ensuring just, free, fair and transparent electoral process.

Sources at the office of the Chief Electoral Officer in Bengaluru pointed out that the statutory requirements include regular reports of the annual audited accounts, contribution report, expenditure report and updation of office bearers that will include authorised signatories for financial transactions among others.

"In several cases, physical verification were undertaken to ascertain the postal address and if these registered parties existed there. While the Commission took the decision based on the report of the CEO office, the parties have 30 days' time to appeal against the order," officials said.

Power-of-attorney holder can initiate complaint on cheque bounce: High Court

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has said that Power-of-attorney (PoA) holder can initiate criminal proceedings on behalf of his principal in cheque dishonour cases under the Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments (NI) Act, 1881.

However, the court said the veracity of the complaint filed by the PoA holders would always be subject to cross-examination in the proceedings.

Justice Surah Govindaraj passed the order while dismissing a petition filed by an owner of a stone-crushers unit questioning the legality of the complaint of cheques dishonour cases filed by the Special PoA on behalf of the person aggrieved by the dishonour of the cheques.

Relying on a judgment of the apex court on the rights of PoA under NI Act, the High Court said that PoA/SPoA holder can file complaint, and can also depose and verify on oath before the court in order to prove the contents of the complaint provided that PoA/SPoA attorney holder must have witnessed the transaction as an agent of the payee/holder in due course or possess due knowledge regarding the said transactions.

"During cross-examination if it is established that the PoA holder has no knowledge regarding the transaction, then the complaint itself would fail and it is the risk which has been taken by the complainant by appointing PoA," the court said.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division,
BBMP Office Building, Robertson Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru.
No.: EE/PN/TEND/12/2022-23 DATE: 11.10.2022

CORRIGENDUM

Tender published in this newspaper on 29.09.2022 vide **Ref. No: EE(PN)/E-TEND/12/2022-23 Dtd:28.09.2022,** is hereby postponed due to technical reasons for further date as below: **1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal from : **25.10.2022,**onwards. **2)** Last date for uploading the filled Tender Document : **25.11.2022 upto 16.00 hrs. 3)** Date of Opening of Tenders: **28.11.2022 by 11.00 hrs.** Further details can be accessed from GoK e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Pulikeshinagar Division

STAY PROTECTED FROM COVID-19, NO CARELESSNESS UNTIL THERE IS A CURE.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

CENTRAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY
Established by an Act of Parliament
56-57, Institutional Area, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058
Website: www.sanskrit.nic.in

Advertisement No. 02/03/04/2022 Date: 07.10.2022

NOTIFICATION OF VACANCY FOR RECRUITMENT

The Central Sanskrit University, Delhi invites Applications through **Online mode only** from Indian Nationals for recruitment to various Non-Teaching posts [Registrar, Controller of Examination, Deputy Director (Finance), Accounts Officer, Section Officer, Curator, Assistant, Copyist, Professional Assistant, Technical Assistant–Lab (Education/Computer), Stenographer Grade-II, LDC, Library Attendant, MTS] for its Headquarter Office at New Delhi and the Campuses located at different places in the country. For details of posts, vacancy position, eligibility conditions, period of deputation/contract, procedure for submission of online application & fee etc. and other terms and conditions, please visit University's website **www.sanskrit.nic.in**. The Last Date of Online Registration/Submission of application is 07.11.2022.

REGISTRAR

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
TIRUNELVELI HIGHWAYS, (Construction & Maintenance) CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE
T.N. No. 09/2022-23/D1, Dated .11.10.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Two Cover System Percentage tender through online only** will be received upto **21.11.2022 at 14.00** hours by the Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tirunelveli Circle for **CRIDP 2022-23 Works** pertaining to **Tenkasi (2 Works)** (H) C&M Division.

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **19.10.2022** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in.** If any Changes/Corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

DIPR / 4538 / TENDER / 2022

"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைத்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைத்தோம்"

Superintending Engineer (H), C&M, Tirunelveli Circle

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No. 506/BGM/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/C/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/F-5633-44 Date : 10.10.2022

BRIEF RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites bids against this office tender indent No. **Bid Enquiry No.: KPTCL//2022-23/SS/WORK_INDENT9636/CALL-2** for the work of transportation (to & fro), repair of sick power transformer and testing, assembling, erection and commissioning of repaired power transformer of rating 20MVA, 110/33-11kV class, INDOTECH-make, Sl.no-IT-37431, Year of Manufacture-2004 power transformer failed at 110kV s/s Yalparatti in TL&SS Division, KPTCL, Chikodi and lying at 110kV s/s Yalparatti on **Total Turn Key Basis on Percentage Tender Basis.**

The detailed notification regarding the works called through the "E-procurement" mode can be obtained by logging on to E-procurement's website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **4:00 pm** on **12.10.2022**. Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer Ele.,
Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Nehru Nagar, Belagavi.

INBRIEF

Hindi imposition: Pinarayi joins Stalin in opposing move

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan joined his Tamil Nadu counterpart M.K. Stalin in denouncing the purported move by the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language to employ Hindi as the medium of instruction in IITs, IIMs, Kendra Vidyalayas, and Central universities in Hindi-speaking States and regional languages in similar centres of learning in other regions. In a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Mr. Vijayan said the decision would render questions for competitive examinations in Hindi, thus disadvantaging candidates from non-Hindi speaking States.

Congress office set afire in Munugode constituency

As the political heat grows in the Munugode bypoll, unknown miscreants set afire the Congress party office in Chandur mandal of the Munugode constituency in Hyderabad early on Monday damaging the campaign material and also the office. Telangana Congress president A. Revanth Reddy held a campaign at Chandur a few days ago in support of party candidate Palvai Sravanthi and he was scheduled to campaign on Tuesday as well.

World Bank extends loan of $250 m for A.P.'s SALT project

Andhra Pradesh's Special Chief Secretary (School Education) B. Rajasekhar has said that the World Bank has extended an unconditional loan of $250 million to the Supporting Andhra's Learning Transformation (SALT) project in appreciation of the path-breaking reforms implemented by the State government. The SALT is the first project in the school education sector to be funded by the World Bank without any precondition.

Arrest of couple in Kerala 'human sacrifice' case comes as shocker to locals

Driven by the greed for excess wealth, 66-year-old Bhagaval Singh, a poet by passion and massage therapist by profession in Pathanamthitta, and his wife Laila, allegedly killed two women

Hiran Unnikrishnan
PATHANAMTHITTA

"Blowing the furnace, in the company of a work knife, hunched body..." were the lines that 66-year-old Bhagaval Singh, a resident of Elanthoor grama panchayat in Pathanamthitta, posted on his social media page for the last time. Written on October 6, these lines incidentally marked the culmination of a long story involving greed and violence.

The sordid killings of two women as 'human sacrifice' have now made the names of Singh, a massage therapist by profession and a poet by passion, and that of his wife, Laila, grisly infamous.

Residents of Elanthoor maintain that they suspected the couple were performing some witchcraft rituals. "Strangers had been frequenting their house during late nights and we knew that they were performing some rituals in their backyard. The details, however, were not known as their house is located in an isolated property," said a person who lives in the neighbourhood.

A follower of the CPI(M), Singh is said to have had actively pursued the profile pages of Left leaders on social media .

"The family had been well known to everyone in the village. Most knew Singh from a young age as his father had a celebrated career as a massage therapist. This is why the news of their arrest came as a shocker to many," said Mercy Mathew, panchayat president.

The family was never known to have experienced financial crisis, say villagers. They, however, appear to have committed the crime driven by greed for excessive wealth.

Fatal end: Rosli, left, and Padma were allegedly murdered in a case of human sacrifice in Pathanamthitta. Bhagaval Singh, right, has been arrested for his alleged involvement in the case. PTI

Victims killed soon after they had gone missing

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

Both the victims of the alleged 'human sacrifices' met their gory end in a day or two or even on the same day they had gone missing, the police said.

The first victim Rosli had gone missing on June 6 and the second victim Padmam on September 26.

"We have taken the days they had gone missing as the benchmark. They had travelled (to where they were murdered) on the same day and were murdered on the same night or in a day or two since there was no evidence of the victims having stayed there for long," the police said.

Mohammed Shafi, key person, is a rape-accused

M. P. Praveen
KOCHI

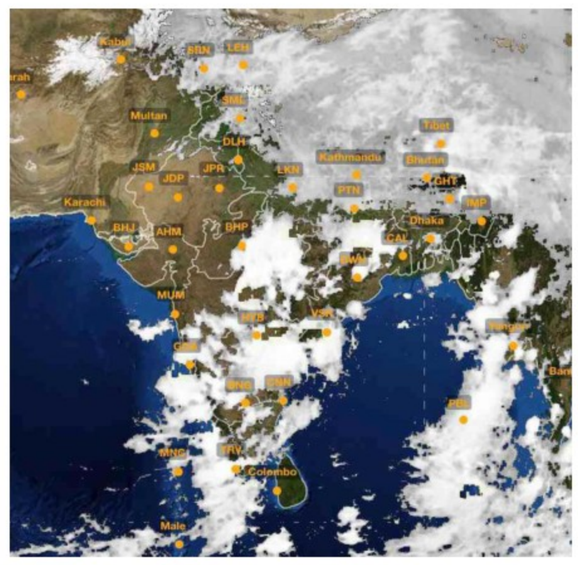
Mohammed Shafi, aka Rasheed, the key accused in the murder of two women in suspected 'human sacrifice', has a rape case registered against him. He was accused of raping a 75-year-old woman in 2020.

"We registered the FIR on August 3, 2020 and filed the chargesheet on October 17. The trial in the case is pending," said the police. He was released on bail after spending four months in jail.

It has emerged that Shafi had used a fake social media account to establish contact with Bhagaval Singh, another accused. Assuming a woman's profile, Shafi told Singh about a traditional healer and gave his own number. Shafi spoke highly about the healer and convinced Singh that he could bring him economic prosperity. Singh never suspected that the healer he was introduced to was actually the 'woman' he had met on social media.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Bihar, Konkan & Goa, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Uttar Pradesh, Odisha, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, interior Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	34.6	25.4	Kozhikode	—	32.8	25.5
Ahmedabad	1	35.4	25.5	Kurnool	—	33.4	24.1
Aizawl	—	25.0	20.0	Lucknow	51	27.0	22.4
Allahabad	—	32.2	24.0	Madurai	—	33.2	23.8
Bengaluru	28.2	27.7	21.5	Mangaluru	—	29.4	23.3
Bhopal	69	30.3	21.6	Mumbai	—	32.0	25.6
Bhubaneswar	7	33.5	24.4	Mysuru	—	31.2	21.3
Chandigarh	42.6	27.3	19.3	New Delhi	6.5	30.1	20.5
Chennai	14.2	31.5	24.8	Patna	29	30.6	24.2
Coimbatore	—	31.0	22.0	Port Blair	14	29.3	23.2
Dehradun	0.4	27.8	20.6	Puducherry	3.4	31.2	23.8
Gangtok	5.6	18.4	16.2	Pune	23.2	30.8	20.4
Goa	—	30.6	24.2	Raipur	52	32.4	21.6
Guwahati	23	30.0	22.5	Ranchi	—	31.5	23.0
Hubballi	—	27.0	22.0	Shillong	23	20.2	16.1
Hyderabad	2	30.4	22.0	Shimla	19	16.5	9.4
Imphal	—	30.7	19.1	Srinagar	—	24.5	9.4
Jaipur	—	32.3	22.4	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.6	23.7
Kochi	—	31.0	24.8	Tiruchi	—	31.9	23.6
Kohima	0.6	24.0	15.8	Vijayawada	3	29.6	24.6
Kolkata	—	35.5	27.0	Visakhapatnam	19	31.2	25.4

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.87	..81	.28	...170	...169	
Bengaluru	...7	..15	.35	78	62	
Chennai	...3	..30	.51	98	52	
Delhi	.17	..77	.62	...100	76	
Hyderabad	...6	3	104	15	18	
Kolkata	.16	..19	.11	18	28	
Lucknow	...6	..18	.50	21	25	
Mumbai	...9	113	.85	50	...114	
Pune	..—	..25	.53	.....—	.....—	.....—
Visakhapatnam	.27	..50	.16	46	61	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Darbhanga, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 222 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Maihar, Madhya Pradesh recorded a healthy AQI score of 11

Air Quality Code: Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Cases of drug addiction on rise among girls: CWC

Rajulapudi Srinivas
VIJAYAWADA

Officials of the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) and the counsellors observed that the number of school going girls addicted to ganja, alcohol and smoking was on the rise in Vijayawada and its suburbs.

The Machavaram police said the girls were produced before the CWC with the consent of their parents as they were found to be obstinate in their ways. "During our inquiry, it was revealed that the girls had allegedly befriended ganja addicts and vagabonds with whom they were meeting at odd hours, creating nuisance in the locality. A 17-year-old teenager, who was moving with the minor girls, was taken into custody and was shifted to the Observation Home for Boys," CWC Chairperson K. Suvartha said. "This might make one's blood curdle. But, it is a fact that many minors, particularly girls, are addicted to ganja (marijuana) in Vijayawada," the CWC members said.

"The girls shouted at us and created a ruckus at the CWC. With great difficulty, we counselled them and shifted them to a Child Care Institution (CCI), located at Krishnalanka a few days ago," CWC member Y. Bhargava Ram said.

"The two girls tried to escape from the CCI by jumping the main gate. When we tried to catch all the three girls, they bit our hands, two of them escaped and one was caught. Later, the two girls were traced at Secunderabad, and all the girls were handed over to their parents," the home staff said.

Shifting to safety

Helping hands: Police and fire personnel help students cross a stream in Anantapur of Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday. Several colonies in and around the city were cut off following flash floods that hit the city after heavy overnight downpour. R.V.S. PRASAD

Congress MLA Eldhose Kunnappilly booked for assaulting schoolteacher

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Kerala Police on Tuesday registered a case against Perumbavoor MLA Eldhose Kunnappilly under non-bailable charges on the basis of a complaint by a schoolteacher.

According to the police, the legislator has been charged under provisions including Section 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty), Section 362 (abduction) and 506(1) (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code.

Meanwhile, City Police Commissioner G. Sparjan Kumar issued an order to transfer the case to the District Crime Branch.

The case was registered a few weeks after the complainant had petitioned the City Police Commissioner to adopt legal proceedings against the legislator for allegedly assaulting her while they had travelled together to Kovalam in September.

She also accused him of pressuring her to withdraw her complaint.

Protest rally: Activists take out a march to the office of Congress MLA Eldhose Kunnappilly in Perumbavoor on Tuesday.

Special police team submits Kodanad case papers in court

The Hindu Bureau
UDHAGAMANDALAM

The special police team investigating the Kodanad estate-dacoity-cum-murder case filed the copies of statements, collected from 314 persons during their additional investigation, before the district sessions court here on Monday.

The crime at the VVIP bungalow took place a few months after the death of former Chief Minister Jayalalithaa and the imprisonment of her close aide V.K. Sasikala.

Five special police teams, headed by Inspector-General of Police (West Zone) R. Sudhakar, were formed to conduct a thorough investigation into the circumstances that led to the incident in April 2017, when a group of men – Sayan, 'Walayar' Manoj, Santhosh Samy, Deepu, Satheesan, Udhayakumar, Jithin Joy, Zamsheer Ali, Manoj Samy and Kutty alias Bijin – was alleged to have broken into the home of Jayalalithaa at Kodanad and escaped with valuables.

The more than 1,500-page document is believed to contain the statements made by all 314 persons interrogated. Sources said the police team had so far interrogated the ten accused as well as other key witnesses, including Dhanapal, the friend of one of the main accused, Kanagaraj, who died in an accident; the manager of the Kodanad estate; Ms. Sasikala; and former AIADMK MLA V.C. Arukutty.

Advocate K. Vijayan, who is representing some of the accused persons, said the prosecution had not furnished the defence with the copies of the statements; nor had it filed a status report. The case was recently transferred to the Crime Branch-CID of the Tamil Nadu police for a speedy investigation.

Tigress released in Periyar forest five days back remains untraceable

K. S. Sudhi
KOCHI

Five days after the release of a tigress in the Periyar Tiger Reserve in Kerala, the big cat remains elusive. Forest officials tracking its movement are yet to get any indication of its location.

A satellite receiver station set up at the reserve to gather signals released from a radio-collar around the neck of the animal has not received any impulse from the device till now. No signal was also received at the hand-held antennas carried by the forest watchers perambulating the area where the animal was released.

Home terrain: The tigress being released in the Periyar Tiger Reserve in Kerala last week.

Killed 10 cows

The feline was released in the interior forest of Periyar on Friday after trapping it at Nayamakkad in Munnar. Camouflaged cages were put up after the animal forayed into the Nayamakkad and East Kadalur areas and killed 10 cows.

The pug marks of the tigress collected from the area where it was released were being compared with the earlier one to confirm that there were no new tigers in the area, said Patil Suyog Subhash Rao, Deputy Director of the reserve, on Tuesday.

Explaining the missing satellite link, Mr. Rao said the animal could have moved further into the interior forest with thick canopy that prevents the tracking of the signals.

The camera traps that were set up near the area where the tiger was released would be checked soon, he said.

Ordinary men

The Aam Aadmi Party is failing in its efforts to be all things to all people

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is trying to expand its footprint beyond its cradle of Delhi. It is also seeking to capitalise on its success in Punjab, where it formed a government earlier this year, and which boosted that ambition. The party is now eyeing Gujarat, where the contest between the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress went down to the wire in 2017, and elections are due later this year. AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal is spending a lot of time in the State in the hope of displacing the Congress to emerge as the prime challenger to the BJP, which has been in power since the 1990s. The BJP faces significant anti-incumbency though the Hindutva sauce that it dishes out generously made it more palatable than the Congress all this while. Mr. Kejriwal has an expanding catalogue of promises for Gujaratis. He has now promised a fully paid pilgrimage for Gujaratis, mainly senior citizens, to Ayodhya, after being labelled by the BJP as 'anti-Hindu'. Mr. Kejriwal has never lost an opportunity to wear his Hindu credentials on his sleeve, but suddenly found himself on the back foot after Rajendra Pal Gautam, a Minister in AAP's Delhi government – he has since resigned – took part in a gathering of Ambedkarites recently, where they had pledged to disown Hindu religion and its deities. Mr. Kejriwal gave the Dalit leader his marching orders.

The expulsion of the Dalit leader from the AAP Council of Ministers in Delhi is in contrast with the complete backing that Mr. Kejriwal continues to offer another Minister who remains in office while being in jail on corruption charges. Therein lies the fundamental challenge to AAP's national plan. The party had fashioned itself as an anti-corruption platform that offered good governance, transparency and accountability. Devoid of any organisational structure or political programme, AAP had adopted an all-embracing welfarism to entice voters. As time passes, this politics, projected as ideology-free, is unravelling, though its potency still remains a major threat to both the Congress and the BJP. These two parties are targeting AAP on its governance record, corruption, and capacity. Central agencies and the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi are methodically cornering the Aam Aadmi Party. Mr. Kejriwal has been brazening it out until now, but the barb of being 'anti-Hindu' appears to have shaken him. He has been wearing an Ambedkar badge alongside a Hindutva label, but the attempt to be all things to all people was never going to be sustainable. AAP's capacity to be a radical platform for change or a challenge to divisive forces is faltering with its shaky governance record, subservience to Hindutva and brazen resistance to scrutiny.

Nothing left to chance

Verstappen did not need luck to become F1 champion for a second time

Max Verstappen etched his name in the history books when he won the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka on Sunday and in the process became a Formula One World Champion for the second time. F1 as a sport is booming in popularity, especially after the 2021 season in which Verstappen sealed his maiden title on the last lap of the last race of the year in Abu Dhabi. However, last year's season finale was shrouded in controversy over how the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA), the sport's governing body, conducted the race in which its wrongful interpretation of its own rules worked to Verstappen's advantage to overtake Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton and win the title. Thus despite his on-track brilliance, Verstappen was not seen as the genuine winner. In 2022, the Red Bull Racing driver left no scope for such doubts by producing one of the most dominant title campaigns the sport has seen. The 25-year-old from the Netherlands has won a staggering 12 out of the 18 races so far and finished on the podium in two other races to seal the title with four rounds still left in the year. Blessed with racing genes – his father Jos is a former F1 driver and his mother Sophie Kumpen, an accomplished racer in karts – Verstappen was brought up to become a Formula One World Champion.

But in his initial years, he was prone to making mistakes, often too aggressive, and at times his driving bordered on the dangerous. However, over the last four years, Verstappen has matured to strike a balance by cutting out the errors without compromising on his speed and aggression. Despite being 46 points down to Ferrari's Charles Leclerc after the first three races, Verstappen remained calm to slowly overturn the deficit. In races in Hungary, Belgium and Italy, where he often started from the middle of the pack, Verstappen was circumspect on the opening laps to fashion spectacular wins from lowly grid positions as he went on a five-race winning streak to run away with the title. For fans of the sport who had their appetite whetted after last year's pulsating battle between Hamilton and Verstappen, 2022 was a damp squib as Ferrari and Leclerc's early season promise faltered as a mix of reliability issues, strategic blunders and driver errors robbed the fans of a close fight for the title. Verstappen is now the 17th member of an elite club of drivers to have won multiple titles. If his team Red Bull can continue to give him competitive machinery over the next few years, this could be the start of the Verstappen era in Formula One.

Solutions by the people, for the people

Arun Maira

is Chairman, HelpAge International and the author of 'Transforming Systems: Why the World Needs a New Ethical Toolkit'

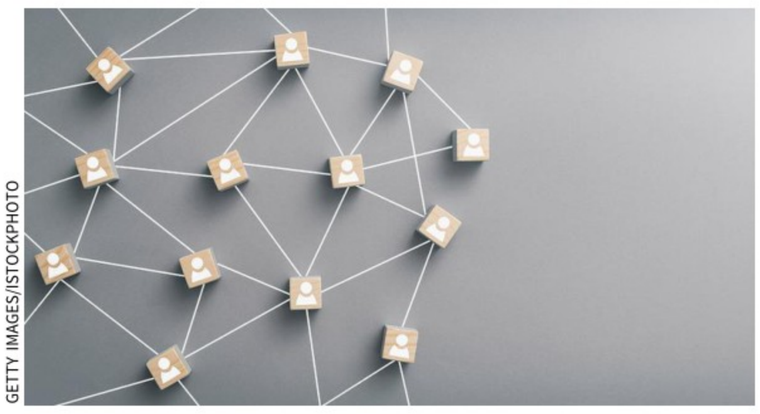
Economic science has dominated public policy since the 20th century. Debates have raged between "Keynesian" economists and "Friedman" economists: between "welfarists" who see the need for a government hand in the economy and "monetarists" who want governments out of the way to let private entrepreneurs loose and let an "invisible hand" produce good outcomes for all. Both sides agree that growth in GDP – the size of the economy measured in money terms – is essential.

Need for a shift

Far-sighted systems thinkers in the Club of Rome gave a wake-up call in 1972. They showed that pursuit of GDP growth was destroying the earth's capacity to renew itself and provide resources for unbridled economic growth. They introduced the health of the planet into calculations of profit and growth. Meanwhile, economists continue to treat the natural environment as external to the economy. Pleas by communities to protect it are dismissed as impediments to "ease of doing business" and GDP growth.

By the millennium's end, advocates of unbridled private enterprise had prevailed. Needs of citizens who earn their livelihoods by work, not investments of money, were relegated in national economic policies wherever the "Thatcher-Reagan-Chicago" model of neo-liberal economics prevailed. The 2008 global financial crisis revealed the fragility of insufficiently regulated markets. Governments of the G7 (later G20) collaborated to stabilise the financial system. They bailed out the "too large to fail" institutions while millions of common citizens, who lost homes and livelihoods, were barely compensated. In fact, some solutions to stabilise the global financial system, such as the austerity package imposed on Greece, harmed common citizens even further.

> Policy-making at all levels has to become more inclusive and less dominated by the powerful and the wealthy, while a paradigm shift is needed in problem solving at global and national levels



GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO

While the ideology of "minimum government", with balanced budgets and low inflation has continued, waves of protest have erupted around the world. Citizens complain that the global financial system is unfair. It protects the interests of large corporations and the wealthiest people while common citizens fall further behind. Demands to include the needs of 'People' in economic policy are becoming louder. The "3P" slogan – People, Planet, and Profit – demands a paradigm shift in economics.

Out-of-box economics

An outline of five systemic solutions for simultaneously improving People, Planet, and Profit is provided in *Earth for All: A Survival Guide for Humanity*. The guide is produced collaboratively by economists, ecologists, and social scientists. They do not model the economy as a closed system as macro-economists do. Following the Club of Rome, their 'whole system' model includes feedback loops between the economy, the natural environment, and social systems. Also, it incorporates empirical data from diverse sources.

The five tracks for their solutions are: ending poverty; addressing gross inequality; empowering women; making food systems healthy for people and ecosystems; and transitioning to clean energy.

The report projects outcomes this century if the present pattern of solutions continues. It compares them with an alternative approach that will accelerate systemic change. The present path is called "Too Little Too Late"; the other, "Big Leap". Business as usual for present gains, with lots of talk of "do-gooding" but insufficient systemic change, is making the world miserable for the next generation. The model reveals it will lead to environmental and societal collapse later this century.

"Big Leap", on the other hand, can prevent catastrophe. It does not require new technology breakthroughs. In fact, both, "Too Little Too Late" and "Big Leap", are based on the use of the same largely known technologies. The difference in the two scenarios is in equitable access to technologies, and in the ways the technologies are incorporated by local actors into solutions fitting their own contexts.

"Too Little Too Late" preserves the present inequitable distribution of wealth and power. (The model forecasts that by 2050, on its present trajectory, India will be the most unequal society in the world.) On the other hand, "Big Leap" evolves a more equitable distribution of economic wealth and social power; it avoids a need for disruptive political revolutions.

Mistrust in institutions

Two novelties in the model are the Social Tension Index and the Average Well-Being Index. These, the authors say, "Allowed us to estimate whether policies related to income redistribution might cause social tensions to rise or fall. We believe that if social tensions rise too far, societies may enter a vicious cycle where declining trust causes political destabilization, economies stagnate, and well-being declines. In that situation, governments will struggle to deal with rolling shocks let alone long-term existential challenges like pandemic risk, climate change, or ecological challenge".

India will host the G20 in a greatly disordered world. Global governance has broken down. The powerful fix the rules of the game, globally and nationally. They even control the conduct of deliberations: the agenda, who will be included, and retain their power to veto.

Social tensions are already too high within many countries. Their governments are unable to find fair solutions through conventional "democratic" processes, with elected assemblies, competing political parties, even public referendums. Disillusionment with democratic institutions is increasing, even in democratic U.S. and Europe. Authoritarian governments are coming to power in many countries, often supported by citizens, as alternatives. "The socio-political world will break into more fragments before the planet becomes too hot," the report points out. "Because the ways in which solutions are being found to global problems is considered unfair. Voices of less powerful people are not listened to."

People are not just numbers, nor merely resources for the economy. Policymaking must become more inclusive and less dominated by the powerful and the wealthy on the top. On the economic front, recoupling monetary policy with fiscal policy is necessary but insufficient. GDP must also be recoupled with nature and society.

A paradigm shift is required in the process of problem solving at global and national levels. From a vertical process of experts at the top trying to understand complex systems through numbers and then imposing solutions on the people, to a lateral process of problem solving by deliberations amongst diverse disciplines and dialogue amongst experts and citizens.

Blaming technology for deaths by suicide is misguided

Dhruv Garg

is an independent Delhi-based lawyer with interests in technology, law and policy

Dedipyaman Shukla

is an independent Delhi-based lawyer with interests in technology, law and policy

Every year, when the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) releases statistics on deaths by suicide in India, the demand to address the issue grows louder. The most recent data for 2021, released on August 30, 2022, shows that suicide claimed 1,64,033 lives during that year.

Two decades into the 21st century, deaths by suicide remain a major source of social distress and public policy concern in India. Any loss of life is deeply unfortunate, but the notion of suicide is especially disturbing and beyond rationalisation for the affected family.

Blaming technology

One of the causes of suicide, which has been prevalent in contemporary discussions, is the expanding role of digital technologies. Aggravation of depression and other mental health issues leading to suicide is being repeatedly attributed to technology. Factors such as cyberbullying, loss of self-esteem due to social media, extreme binge-watching of online content or heavy reliance on virtual followers/communities for validation are all said to be contributing to the issue. It is clear that the more technology gains influence over the human condition, the starker will be its role in the best and worst of human experience.

However, it will serve us well to realise that technology is neither at the core of the problem nor the perfect solution for it. Suicide is a reality which society must respond to in the most sensitive and holistic manner possible. It is not the case that technology has no role to play in adverse mental health conditions or related cases of suicide; the issue is the sensational and misdirected analysis of the causes of suicides. This takes the focus away from a comprehensive understanding of the issue and a more appropriate solution to it.

> It takes the focus away from a comprehensive understanding of the issue

For example, no one can deny the link between cyberbullying and suicidal thoughts and attempts. According to a study funded by the National Institutes of Health in the U.S., participants who experienced cyberbullying were more than four times as likely to report thoughts of suicide and attempts as those who did not. However, similar results are true even for those who are bullied in person. The conclusion is that the medium of bullying is not the sole culprit; it is the act of bullying itself that needs to be addressed. Awareness campaigns, sensitisation programmes, community support and counselling services are usually considered good solutions against bullying – cyber or otherwise.

The case of Tamil Nadu

News reports regarding a spate of suicides, specifically in Tamil Nadu, also illustrate this point. Preliminary news reports associated several suicide incidents with gaming addiction, particularly with online rummy games. These reports elicited a heavy policy response from the Tamil Nadu government in the form of an ordinance, which banned most online games played for money, including rummy and poker. On closer examination, multiple independent studies, such as the one by Rotary's Rainbow Project, found a high degree of exaggeration in reports associating deaths by suicide in the State with online rummy games.

The real reasons for these deaths were different from those earlier reported. Moreover, experts researching suicide, including Sandip Shah, Professor of Psychology at Shri Govind Guru University, Gujarat, made a direct representation to the Tamil Nadu government on insufficient data for the correlation between suicide and online gaming.

Analysis of the data from the NCRB on deaths by suicide in Tamil Nadu makes it evident that the policy response is not adequate to address the magnitude of the crisis in the State. Tamil Nadu has consistently had among the highest shares of reported deaths by suicide in the country, reporting over 11% of total cases for much of the previous decade, and nearly 19,000 cases in 2021 alone.

According to the NCRB, family problems, illness, substance abuse, and marriage/love-related issues alone contribute to more than two-thirds of the deaths by suicide in India. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the Tamil Nadu government to address these root causes and evolve a holistic policy response to minimise future cases. Rather than top-down policy formulations, focusing only on a few high-profile incidents, an inclusive community-based mental health and suicide-prevention approach may prove to be more effective in saving lives. Further, the State may consider how technological measures from service providers can also become a part of this policy response.

Use of technology

The Central government, on its part, is already embracing the potential role of technology in improving mental health outcomes for citizens. In February, it announced the National Tele-Mental Health Programme to provide access to free, round-the-clock mental health interventions in remote and underserved areas. Acknowledgement of suicidal thoughts and attempts to address a host of inter-related causes and effects are necessary to design effective and proportionate policy prescriptions. While technology is certainly an agent of this complex matrix, it can neither be seen as a root cause nor as a panacea.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Darker war clouds

Russia's move to step up its aggression against Ukraine raises the prospect of a prolonged military confrontation to the detriment of world peace, development and stability. The world needs to act fast to get both countries to agree to a truce.

M. Jeyaram,
Sholavandan, Tamil Nadu

Mulayam Singh

A shrewd politician and a kingmaker in the contemporary era, Samajwadi Party founder and former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Mulayam Singh donned many hats in his long but eventful career (Page 1, October 11). It is noteworthy that in spite of experimenting with political alliances, he never gave up the concepts of secularism and social justice.

V. Johan Dhanakumar,
Chennai

Despite being from a State that makes a contribution to the strength of Parliament in a significant way, Mulayam Singh frittered away his chances to occupy the highest post in India with his constant alliance shifting. While his political fall was as steep as his meteoric rise he remains a source of inspiration — as a person from a humble background who rose to power.

V. Subramanian,
Chennai

Mulayam Singh was a leader who faced many ups and downs in his political graph. But he was a popular leader as far as the common man was concerned.

Sandeep Rawat,
Chandigarh

Bus passengers

I write this letter as a professor of neurosurgery, JIPMER. The official response to the horrific bus accident in Palakkad, Kerala, recently seems to focus more on finding a guilty driver and the bus owner.

While punishing the guilty is an important step, a systems approach to reducing the risk is warranted too. What has not been discussed is the near-universal lack of seat belts in buses. Buses tend to travel at higher speeds, and the chances of passengers being thrown every which way in the event of an accident are perhaps more than in a car. The impact of a person's head on the steel bars of the front seat typically causes a lot of head trauma. We must make it mandatory to have seatbelts on buses too.

Dr. M.S. Gopalakrishnan,
Puducherry

Hindi instruction

The recommendation of the Committee of Parliament on Official Language that the medium of instruction in technical and non-technical higher educational institutes should be Hindi or local language has not come as a surprise as there is indeed a vicious plan to impose the use of Hindi. There are many of us who dread to think of the future of our students who could well be forced to read all their lessons only in Hindi. They face a bleak future.

Tharcius S. Fernando,
Chennai

To read more letters online, scan the QR code.
Letters emailed to letters@thehindu.co.in must carry the full postal address and the full name or the name with initials.

Reading the Chinese tea leaves

Bhim B. Subba

teaches Political Science at University of Hyderabad, and is visiting researcher at Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi

The Communist Party of China (CPC)'s 20th national congress is scheduled to begin in Beijing on October 16. Held every five years, this week-long political event has some crucial tasks including reshuffling personnel, amending the party constitution and announcing future policy. The party general secretary will present a comprehensive political report. However, this edition marks a significant departure in China's political landscape, especially in elite politics.

Seeking absolute power

Xi Jinping is galloping towards a third term. Though the party charter is silent on the term limits for the general secretary, the state constitutional amendment in 2018 scrapped the two-term limit of the state presidency. Extending the presidential term limit will lead to alignment of government and party posts. As per the 1982 state constitution, the party and state positions were held by different people. Only in 1993 did the two apex positions begin to be held by a single individual. Jiang Zemin, who was appointed party general secretary in 1989 during the Tiananmen Square crisis, and was again elected to the 14th CCP National Congress in 1992, served as party general secretary until 2002 and as state president from 1993 to 2003. Hu Jintao occupied the same positions for two terms. However, Mr. Xi's goal for a third term looks certain. The much-touted retirement age cap of 68 will not impact his prospects. Mr. Xi is 69, but being the '*hexin*' or 'core' of the party Central Committee makes him the '*yibashou*' or the 'first hand', which signifies his absolute power.

In China, the state president is usually referred to as '*guojia zhuxi*' or state chairman, so it would not be a surprise if Mr. Xi takes a similar position in the party, as Mao Zedong and Hua Guofeng did. The post of the party chairman will put Mr. Xi above the Central Committee's apex leadership body, the Politburo Standing Committee. This absolute power of the '*guojia zhuxi*' can be observed in the selection of Congress delegates. Unlike previous congress sessions, this time, the central organs of the party and the state personnel delegate list are merged. Likewise, the People's Liberation Army and the Armed Police delegates are clubbed together. Besides, front-line workers who won honorary titles in 'Xi's new era' in the corps or provinces have also been elected delegates. On the other hand, Mr. Xi's protégé, Ying Yong, the former Hubei party secretary and a Central Committee member, who was appointed as deputy prosecutor general at the Supreme People's Procuratorate in August, did not figure in the list of congress delegates. Mr. Ying will likely be promoted to the head of a national leadership position in March next year.

Mr. Xi's third term will reinforce his position as the new centre of the factional power base. Already maintaining a robust patron-client relationship with his protégés from Zhejiang, Fujian and Shanghai, Mr. Xi is also building a coalition, especially with the Communist Youth League group, in which Hu Jintao, Premier Li Keqiang and Chair of the Chinese People Political Consultative Conference National Committee, Wang Yang, are some prominent leaders. Hu Haifeng, son of Hu Jintao, has been elected to his first party congress from Zhejiang.

Apparatchiks are not shying away from strengthening party control over every state function

REUTERS

Former Premier Li Peng's son Li Xiaopeng is transport minister and Central Committee member. This trend indicates that Mr. Xi is co-opting princelings, even from rival factions, to have more elbow room in 'winner takes all' politics.

At the Seventh Plenum of the outgoing 19th Central Committee, members approved the policies and draft amendments to the CPC's constitution which will be formally unveiled at the congress. The Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, which was enshrined in the constitution in 2017, may likely be amended to Xi Jinping Thought. Likewise, amendments on deepening governance through the party's self-reform and improving its conduct vigorously would be other crucial agendas.

Implications for India

For India's China watchers, the upcoming party congress is crucial. Some 'honoured' delegates include 2020 Galwan valley veterans and others serving in military districts across the India-China border. Likewise, the other significant development is the fate of two former Chinese ambassadors who had served in Delhi. Le Yucheng, a Central Committee alternate member, has been shifted from the foreign ministry. Once a third ranking member in the Chinese foreign ministry, Mr. Le is not even a delegate this time. On the other hand, Mr. Le's successor, Luo Zhaohui, who heads China's foreign aid agency, is a delegate. Given Mr. Xi's stress on major country diplomacy, Mr. Luo will likely get a seat in the 20th Central Committee. Mr. Luo's experience in South Asia, especially with India during the 2017 Doklam crisis, has improved his chances.

Apparatchiks are not shying away from strengthening party control over every state function. Reading the Chinese tea leaves is necessary to understand how politics will be shaped by the national congress and vice versa.

A party that is always in combative mode

The TRS government would do well to focus on governance instead

STATE OF PLAY

M. Rajeev
rajeev.madabhushi@thehindu.co.in

There appears to be no end to the war of words between the leaders of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

In the recent past, Hyderabad and the Polavaram project were the subjects of dispute; now, comments by senior Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) leader, T. Harish Rao, who holds the Finance and Health portfolios, have triggered a war of words between the neighbouring States. While addressing teachers at a meeting of the State Teachers' Union in late September, Mr. Rao said that among the States, Telangana was paying the highest salaries to government employees. He claimed that the State government had paid a 73% fitment to government employees in just five years, which the Andhra Pradesh government had not done.

Senior leaders and Ministers of the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) government lashed out at Mr. Rao for his "uncalled for comments". Andhra Pradesh Minister of Industries Gudivada Amarnath said Mr. Rao should sort out his differences with his maternal uncle and Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao instead of commenting on Andhra Pradesh. He wondered whether criticising the Andhra Pradesh government would give any political mileage to the TRS in Telangana. Pointing out that Telangana was in a better financial position than Andhra Pradesh because it had Hyderabad, Mr. Amarnath alleged that the TRS government had not done anything in the last eight years of its rule. The Andhra Pradesh government was implementing a slew of welfare schemes for the poor in spite of its financial position, he said. What welfare schemes was the TRS government implementing despite its better financial position, he asked.

The controversy has erupted even as the stalemate continues over bifurcation problems between the two States. A meeting convened by the Union Home Ministry recently, to resolve unsettled matters of The Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, cut no ice as Telangana and Andhra Pradesh remained firm on their stances over crucial issues such as the division of institutions under Schedule X, the Andhra Pradesh State Finance Corporation, and division of the Singareni Collieries Company Limited.

Mr. Rao's comments were not met with anger only in Andhra Pradesh. The Union Jal Shakti Ministry reacted strongly to claims made by Mr. Rao and his colleague, Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister E. Dayakar Rao, on Telangana's flagship Mission Bhagiratha project bagging a national award.

The Ministry responded saying misleading news was being reported that the Centre had reviewed the scheme through the Jal Jeevan Mission; inspections had been conducted in 320 villages randomly to study the project; and each household was receiving 100 litres per capita quality drinking water. The Ministry said it had not made any such assessment. Inspecting whether the tap connections provided to all households were functioning effectively formed part of its Functionality Assessment 2022. This was one among a host of parameters, it said. Further, data assessed from 12,570 sampled households in 409 villages revealed that 8% of them were not getting 55 litres per capita of water a day, an important parameter under the Jal Jeevan Mission. The quality of water in 5% of the villages was not in line with the standards prescribed under the Jal Jeevan Mission, the Ministry said. Though the State government had submitted a report stating that there was 100% tap water connection in the State, this had not been not confirmed by the Gram Panchayats in line with the Jal Jeevan Mission's norms.

These developments suggest that the TRS government would do well to focus on governance instead of comparing itself with the Andhra Pradesh government, resorting to criticism of others and making unsubstantiated claims on projects. It would be better for the political leadership to concentrate on improving welfare and development indicators and in alleviating the problems of the poorer sections.

The focus should equally be on sorting out pending bifurcation issues such as the division of assets and liabilities between the two States as well as apportionment of cash balances. This is important especially since the differences between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are not being resolved despite efforts by the Chief Ministers as well as the administrative machinery over the past eight years.

Urban consumers are still not confident enough

Manufacturing, service and infrastructure sectors are on the recovery path, but consumer confidence about the economy is yet to reach pre-COVID levels

DATA POINT

Rebecca Rose Varghese
Vignesh Radhakrishnan

The share of urban consumers pessimistic about the Indian economy continued to decline in September 2022 as COVID-19 cases continued to fall. But the share of those pessimistic about the economy was still double the share of those who were optimistic about it. This shows that there is a long road to complete recovery.

Chart 1 shows the responses from a Reserve Bank of India (RBI) survey conducted across 19 major cities between September 1 and 10. When asked about their current perception about the economic situation, 59.2% said it had worsened in September 2022. This was the lowest share since the pandemic outbreak, but it was still more than double the share of those who said the economic situation had improved (26.2%, and not plotted on the graph).

Chart 1 also shows that 54% of respondents were pessimistic about their current employment scenario. Notably, since May 2022, the share has remained stagnant, pointing to muted recovery on the employment front in recent months. Consequently, the share of urban consumers worried about their income levels has also remained stagnant since May 2022.

Worryingly, close to 95% of the respondents said price levels of commodities had increased. This is not surprising given that retail inflation has remained high in India. So, while the degree of pessimism about the economy hasdeclined, the rapid build-up in confidence about jobs and income levels has been arrested in the five months ending September. Add the high price levels to the mix and it paints a grim picture about the recovery of consumer confidence.

Chart 2 shows the growth in new orders received by manufacturing companies surveyed by the RBI. The survey covered 734 companies and provides a snapshot of demand conditions in India's manufacturing sector. The latest data are for the April-June 2022 period. Data show that new orders increased for manufacturing firms in the last four quarters.

Chart 3 shows the results of the RBI survey that captures the growth in services and infrastructure sectors. The latest data are for the July-September 2022 period. Nearly 590 companies were asked to comment on whether their turnover had increased, decreased or stood still. The chart plots the net response – the difference between those who said it increased and those who said it decreased. So, a positive number points to a higher share of companies recording an increase in turnover and a negative number points to the opposite.

Chart 3 hints at a possible recovery in the turnovers of both the service and infrastructure sectors. In the latest period, 51.2% of service sector companies reported that their turnovers had increased, 40.3% reported that there was no change and only 8.5% said their turnovers had decreased. The net response was +42.7% points. This is higher than the pre-pandemic levels. However, the trend has to be read with caution given the base effect at play due to very low levels of positive responses during the pandemic period. A similarly positive net response was also reported by the infrastructure firms.

Chart 4 plots the results of the RBI's quarterly bank lending survey. Senior loan officers were asked to assess loan demand in this survey. The latest data are for the July-September 2022 period. Chart 4 too plots the net response. Every sector, led by the retail segment, recorded an increase in loan demand in the latest quarter.

This means that the manufacturing, service and infrastructure sectors are firmly on the recovery path with the demand for loans continuing to grow.

Recovery tracker

The charts show the results of various surveys conducted by the RBI on urban consumer confidence, orders received by manufacturing companies, the turnover of the services and infrastructure sectors, and the demand for bank loans

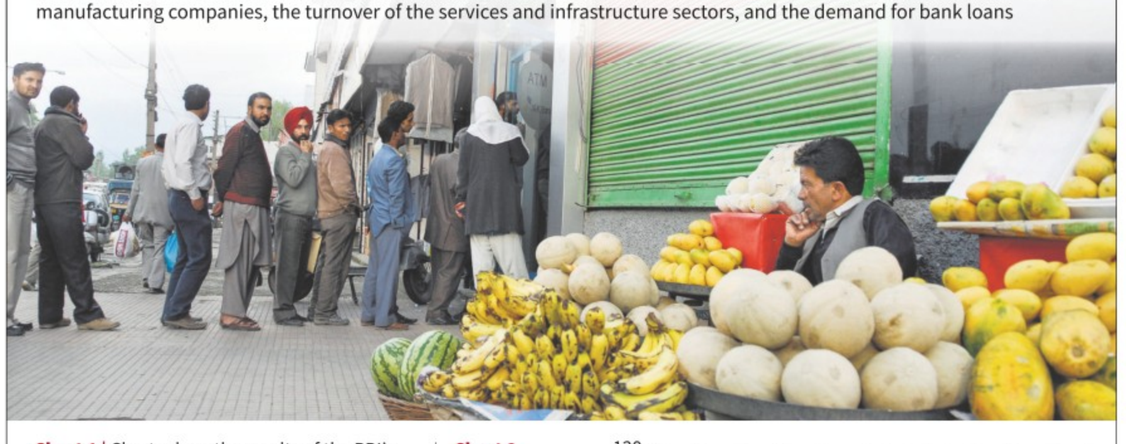


Chart 1 | Charts show the results of the RBI's consumer confidence survey conducted across 19 major cities between September 1 and 10

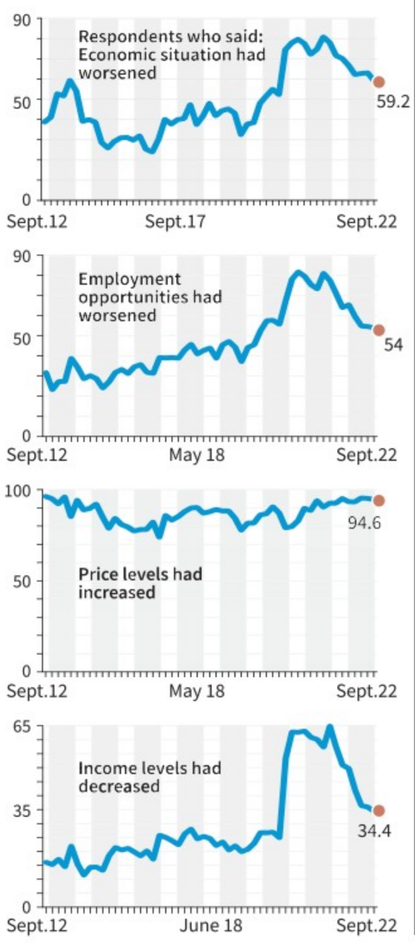


Chart 2 The chart shows the q-o-q and y-o-y growth in new orders received by 734 manufacturing companies surveyed by the RBI

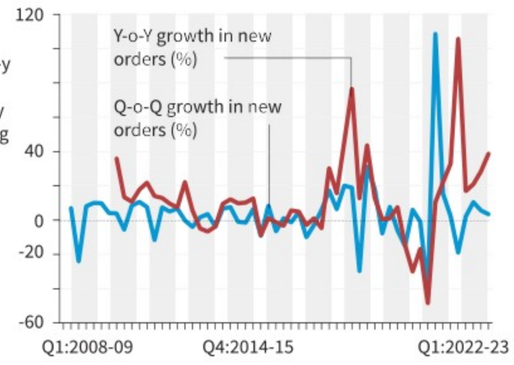


Chart 3 | The chart plots the net response of the services and infrastructure sectors companies. A positive number points to a higher share of companies recording an increase in turnover

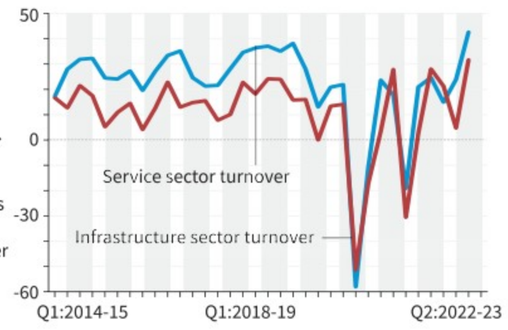
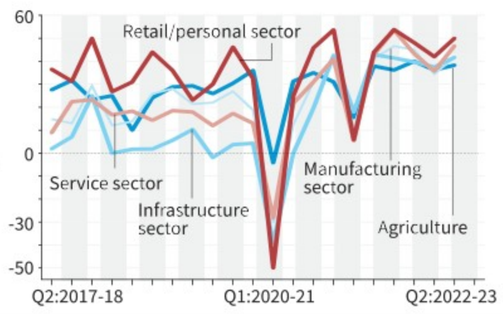


Chart 4 | The chart plots the net reponse of the assessement of loan demand among various sectors, according to the RBI's quarterly bank lending survey



FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 12, 1972

Russia to give India samples of moon rocks

Moscow, Oct. 11: The USSR Academy of Sciences to-day agreed to give India samples of moon rocks brought by Soviet automatic probes Luna 16 and 20. An Indian scientist will come here shortly to take delivery of the samples, which will be analysed and studied by a team of scientists led by Dr. D. Lal of the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in Bombay. This is part of the collaboration agreement finalised between the USSR Academy and the Indian Academy of Sciences. The visiting delegation of the Indian Academy also presented wideranging proposals for joint research and study, which the Soviet side accepted. These include deep seismic sounding project, geomagnetic studies, development of high-yielding cotton, plasma physics, crystal growth, marine processes by the use of radio isotopes, development of metallurgical techniques and processes, cyrogenics, laser system, structure of material and mineral exploration. The proposals involve exchange of scientists. The academics also agreed to hold joint symposia in India and the Soviet Union on a variety of themes.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 12, 1922

League membership

Leafield (Oxford), Mid-night, Oct. 11: It is officially stated that the treaty between Great Britain and Irak was signed at Baghdad yesterday by Sir Percy Cox, British High Commissioner and Sir Saiyid Abdurrahman and Nayibalasharaf. Sir P. Cox announced that the British Government conscious of the deep obligations into which they had entered towards Irak was convinced that these obligations would be completely fulfilled by means of this treaty of alliance. They would do everything in their power to secure the speedy delineation of the frontiers of Irak. When the treaty had been duly ratified when stable Government had been set up in accordance with the organic law therein provided and when the frontiers had been settled the British Government confidently anticipated that the Irak Government would apply for admission to the membership of the League of Nations. The British Government would then use their good offices to secure Irak's admission to the League.

From Page One

IMF cuts India's growth forecast to 6.8% this year

The U.S. is expected to grow at 1.6% this year followed by a slowing down to 1.0% growth next year. The Euro Area is expected to grow 3.1% this year and 0.5% next, while China is forecast to grow at 4.4% next year, followed by a projected 3.2 % this year. "The three largest economies, the United States, China, and the euro area will continue to stall," Mr. Gourinchas said in a statement released before the briefing. "Overall, this year's shocks will re-open economic wounds that were only partially healed post-pandemic. In short, the worst is yet to come and, for many people, 2023 will feel like a recession."

There remain high downside risks to the forecasts, as per the IMF. Monetary policy that seeks to restore price stability is the starting point to mitigating these risks, the report said. Mr. Gourinchas cautioned against fiscal policy working at cross purposes with the monetary authorities' actions to curb inflation. Fiscal policy can assist economies to adapt to a volatile environment by investing in human capital, supply chain diversification, digitization, green energy, he said.

Permanent change

"The energy crisis, especially in Europe, is not a transitory shock. The geopolitical realignment of energy supplies in the wake of the war is broad and permanent," Mr. Gourinchas said, adding that countries should target fiscal support towards the vulnerable via temporary transfers rather than focus on price controls, untargeted subsidies and export bans.

Emphasising that a large number of low-income countries, "too many", are in or near debt distress, the chief economist urged orderly debt restructuring via the Group of Twenty (G20)'s Common Framework. The issue of debt sustainability had been raised by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on his recent visit to the U.S. and listed as an area of potential focus for India's forthcoming G20 presidency by World Bank President David Malpass last week.

'Human sacrifice' claims lives of two women

"All three accused were involved in the brutal murder of both women and their bodies were buried side-by-side within the property of the couple. Whether there was a racket engaged in such human sacrifices and whether more people were involved in these murders remain to be investigated," said Mr. Nagaraju.

Shafi was paid for arranging the women. Bhagaval Singh was reportedly an indigenous medicine practitioner and was not doing well financially. The couple was allegedly advised to conduct human sacrifices for a change in their fortunes and Shafi encouraged it. Shafi allegedly wooed the victims by dangling monetary benefits, knowing fully well about their impending fate.

Justice Muralidhar left out of transfer list

The Collegium had recommended the transfers of both Chief Justices in one batch on September 28. The government has now split the Collegium recommendation by notifying Justice Mithal's transfer but leaving out Justice Muralidhar.

In 2018, the government had unilaterally bifurcated Justice (now retired) Indu Malhotra's file and appointed her as a Supreme Court judge while returning Justice K.M. Joseph's name to the Collegium. Both Justices Malhotra and Joseph were part of the same batch of judges recommended for elevation to the Supreme Court.

Justice Muralidhar, when he was a judge of the Delhi High Court, had sharply criticised the Centre and the Delhi Police over the violence in the capital in 2020. He was later transferred to the Punjab and Haryana High Court. The uncertainty over Justice Muralidhar's transfer has affected the Supreme Court Collegium's recommendation, also on September 28, to elevate Justice Jaswant Singh, currently a judge of the Orissa High Court, as its Chief Justice in place of Justice Muralidhar.

Over 3 lakh RTI pleas pending, says report

An analysis of penalties imposed shows that the commissions did not impose penalties in 95% of the cases where penalties were potentially imposable.

"The report shows that in several commissions a large backlog of cases has built up, resulting in a long waiting time for disposal, as governments have failed to make appointments of information commissioners in a timely manner," said Anjali Bharadwaj of Satark Nagarik Sangathan.

According to a separate report by the Transparency International, one-fourth information commissioner posts are vacant and there are only 5% (only 8) women information commissioners in the country. Out of total 165 posts of information commissioners, 42 are vacant, including two chief State information commissioners.

The report says that till now more than 4.2 crore RTIs have been filed and 26 lakh second appeals are there before the commissions.

Meetings on labour codes fail to evolve consensus

Majority of Central trade unions urge Bhupender Yadav to withdraw the four codes; outfits, including BMS, demand that the Centre immediately convene the Indian Labour Conference

A.M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

In an apparent indication that the implementation of the four labour codes will be delayed further, a majority of the Central trade unions, during their recent discussions with Union Labour Minister Bhupender Yadav, have urged the Centre to withdraw the four codes.

Though the RSS-affiliated Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) supported the Code on Social Security and the Code on Wages, it opposed the Industrial Relations Code and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code in the meeting.

The BMS, along with the Opposition's trade unions, also sent a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi against the the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code.

Mr. Yadav completed his separate discussions with all the Central trade unions by the end of September. He had also met various organisations representing employers. A source in the Ministry said the Minister will meet a few more associations of the employers in the coming days.

Leaders of all party trade unions during a rally opposing the labour codes brought out by the Centre, in Visakhapatnam. FILE PHOTO

'No consultations'

Leaders of 10 unions reviewed the developments at a meeting here last week and decided to maintain their positions. All India Trade Union Congress general secretary Amarjeet Kaur told *The Hindu* that all the 10 unions opposed the labour codes in their meetings with the Minister.

"They did not consult anyone at the time of drafting these codes or passing them in Parliament. Even the objections raised by the Parliament Standing Committee on Labour was ignored. Now, whatever discussions are to be held, it should be held with all unions," Ms. Kaur said.

The trade unions, including the BMS, have also demanded that the Centre immediately convene the Indian Labour Conference (ILC). "The ILC, as an effective tripartite mechanism, is not functioning under this government. We have been demanding that the ILC must be called immediately to discuss the issues of the workers," she added.

Trade unions said Mr. Yadav did not reply to their objections to the codes. "We have given clause-by-clause objections. The Minister said he will get back, but we have not received any replies. We reiterated our demand that the codes should not be implemented. We opposed the way rules are being brought for these codes in a piecemeal manner," said Hind Mazdoor Sabha general secretary Harbhajan Singh Sidhu.

Congress urges SC to take note of hate speech by BJP leaders

Shrinate questions the silence of Prime Minister, asks Kejriwal to speak up for the poeple

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Alleging "inaction" by the Delhi Police over hate speeches by BJP MP Parvesh Verma and BJP MLA Nand Kishor Gurjar, the Congress on Tuesday urged the Supreme Court to issue directives after taking cognisance of the matter.

Addressing a press conference, the Congress's social media head and spokesperson, Supriya Shrinate, questioned the silence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Ms. Shrinate also targeted Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and asked him to have some courage to speak up for the people of the city.

"Parvesh Verma has been caught on camera asking for a boycott of a certain community. He also incited hatred, so did Gurjar one of the BJP MLAs from Uttar Pradesh, Ghaziabad. Why have the courts not taken cognisance, what is Mr. Kejriwal doing, and if this is not hypocrisy then we wonder what is," the Congress spokesperson said.

The Congress spokesperson referred to an observation by Chief Justice of India (CJI) U.U. Lalit that "hate speeches are sullying the country's atmosphere" and urged the Supreme Court to take *suo motu* note of the issue.

The State police lodged a First Information Report (FIR) against the organisers for allegedly holding the event without permission on Sunday at Delhi's Dilshad Garden area.

Explained
What is 'hate speech', and how is it treated in Indian law?
bit.ly/policeinaction

Bihar's ruling leaders have discarded JP's ideals: Shah

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday slammed the ruling alliance party leaders of Bihar - Nitish Kumar and Lalu Prasad - without taking their names, stating that they have discarded Jayaprakash Narayan's principles for power.

Accompanied by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Mr. Shah visited socialist icon Jayaprakash Narayan's birthplace at his ancestral village Sitab Diara in Saran district, situated on the Bihar-U.P. boundary.

"The ruling party leaders of Bihar are taking names of JP, but sitting on the lap of the Congress. JP had not done anything in his life for power but some people today are changing sides for power," Mr. Shah slammed Mr. Kumar in a veiled reference.

"For power, they discarded JP's principles," Mr. Shah added.

A nation achieves glory when it takes pride in its heritage, says PM in Ujjain

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the first phase of the ₹856-crore Mahakal Lok corridor in Madhya Pradesh's Ujjain on Tuesday, after offering prayers at the ancient Mahakaleshwar temple.

Hailing his government's efforts at renovating and reviving several Hindu temples across the country as well as improving access to Sikh pilgrimage sites, Mr. Modi said that in the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (75th anniversary of Independence) period, India had given a "call for freedom from the mentality of slavery and taking pride in its heritage".

"The nation finds glory only when the flag of its success is flying on the world stage. To reach the pinnacle of that success, it is necessary that the nation attains cultural excellence and takes pride in its identity," Mr. Modi said, mentioning projects such as the Kashi Vishwanath corridor, the Ram temple construction in Ayodhya and initiatives such as opening of the Kartarpur Sahib corridor.

In devotion: Narendra Modi praying at the Mahakaleshwar Temple in Ujjain on Tuesday before inaugurating the first phase of the Mahakal Lok corridor development project. PTI

'Centre of India's soul'

Addressing a gathering at the Kartik Mela Ground, he said such efforts were helping India re-establish the pride associated with these centres of its "spiritual consciousness", while calling the city of Ujjain "centre of India's soul".

Earlier, he unveiled a *shivling* to dedicate the Mahakal corridor to the nation. Mr. Modi praised Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan for the successful launch of the project. The first phase of the corridor cost ₹351 crore.

The corridor that is a little over 900 metres long traverses the old Rudrasagar lake, which has been revived as part of the redevelopment project around the Mahakaleshwar Temple, one of the 12 'jyotirlingas'. The corridor is dotted with 108 ornate sandstone columns in a row with *trishul* design on top and *mudras* of Lord Shiva. It also has fountains surrounded by sculptures and murals on the deity.

(With PTI inputs)

'Cheque is dishonoured only if debt is enforceable'

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday held that a cheque is dishonoured only if it represents a "legally enforceable debt" on the date of its maturity or presentation.

"For the commission of an offence under Section 138 [of the Negotiable Instruments Act], the cheque that is dishonoured must represent a legally enforceable debt on the date of maturity or presentation," a Bench said.

Section 138 makes dishonour of a cheque a criminal offence liable for punishment with imprisonment for a term which may extend to two years or with fine which may stretch to twice the amount of the cheque. The court was dealing with a situation where the drawer of the cheque would have paid part of the debt for which he or she may have given a post-dated cheque as security.

Kashmiri separatist leader Altaf Shah dies

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Incarcerated senior separatist leader Altaf Ahmad Shah, 66, considered an advocate of dialogue in Syed Ali Shah Geelani's Hurriyat faction, died at the All India Institute Of Medical Science (AIIMS), Delhi, on Monday night, according to the family members.

Mr. Altaf Shah was the son-in-law of the late Geelani. The AIIMS has not disclosed the cause of death so far. Mr. Altaf Shah was lodged in Tihar Jail in Delhi and was shifted to the AIIMS for "appropriate treatment".

Pakistan summoned the Indian Charge d' Affaires and lodged its strong protest over the death of Altaf Ahmad Shah.

(with PTI inputs)

Non-traditional livelihoods skilling of girls included in Beti Padhao scheme

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Expanding the mandate of the '*Beti Bachao Beti Padhao*' scheme, the Central government on Tuesday announced the inclusion of skilling of girls in non-traditional livelihood (NTL) options in its flagship programme.

The scheme will now also focus on increasing the enrolment of girls in secondary education, particularly in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) subjects. Women have been historically under-represented areas such as technology.

Announcing the new inclusion in the scheme, Minister for Women and Child Development Smriti Irani emphasised the importance of convergence between various departments for providing quality education to empower girls. "Government has always encouraged and empowered girls to pursue vocation of their choice irrespective of gender stereotypes," Ms. Irani said.

Smriti Irani at an event in New Delhi on International Girl Child Day. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Ministries of Women and Child Development, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, and Minority Affairs. It emphasises convergence between Ministries and Departments to ensure adolescents complete their education, build skills, and enter the workforce in a diverse range of professions, including in STEM fields.

An operations manual to implement the scheme in districts was also launched at the event. A national committee headed by the Secretary, Ministry of Women and Child Development will be the apex committee to review the implementation of the scheme at regular intervals with State governments and Union Territory administrations, it said.

Religious figure held as NIA searches 18 locations in Kashmir

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

A religious figure associated with the Al Huda Educational Trust (AHET) was arrested in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, as the National Investigation Agency (NIA) searched 18 locations in a case related to suspect funding activities.

According to the NIA, the AHET has been found raising funds through various means, including donations and hawala, purportedly for charitable purposes, "but are instead using these funds to radicalise and incite the youth of J&K for unlawful activities and disrupt the territorial integrity and sovereignty of India".

The NIA said it *suo motu* registered a case on September 3, 2022.

"The arrested accused, Muhammad Ameer Shamshi, is the chairperson (Nizam-e-ala) of AHET, Rajouri, and acts on the directions of the chief patron of the Trust. The ex-officio chief patron of AHET is the Ameer-e-Jamaat of JeI (Jamaat-e-Islami), J&K. The Trust continued to raise funds even after the declaration of JeI, J&K, as an 'unlawful association'," a NIA spokesman said. The JeI was banned by the Centre in 2019.

The NIA searched 18 locations in Rajouri, Poonch, Jammu, Srinagar, Bandipora, Shopian, Pulwama and Budgam districts. "During the searches, several mobile devices and documents related to funding, properties etc. have been seized," the NIA said.

Chandrachud nominated as next Chief Justice of India

U.U. Lalit's recommendation will begin the process for his appointment as the 50th Chief Justice of the country; if the government gives approval, he is expected to assume charge on November 9

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Chief Justice of India U.U. Lalit nominated Justice D.Y. Chandrachud as his successor in a brief meeting held at the Supreme Court judges' lounge in the presence of all judges of the court on Tuesday.

Chief Justice Lalit's recommendation to the government would start the process for appointment of Justice Chandrachud as the 50th Chief Justice of India.

If the government approval comes through, Justice Chandrachud would be the first second-generation CJI. His father, Justice Y.V. Chandrachud, was the

D.Y. Chandrachud

16th CJI and one of the longest serving.

Chief Justice Lalit is scheduled to retire on November 8 at the end of a 74-day tenure as top judge. Justice Chandrachud is expected to be sworn in and assume charge as Chief Justice of India from November 9. He has a tenure of two years as Chief Justice until his retirement on November 11, 2024.

Judicial career

Justice Chandrachud was appointed judge of the Supreme Court on May 13, 2016. He was before that the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court from October 31, 2013.

Justice Chandrachud began his career as a judge in the Bombay High Court on March 29, 2000 until his appointment as the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.

He was Additional Solicitor-General from 1998 until appointment to the Bombay High Court Bench. He was designated a senior advocate by the Bombay High Court in June 1998 and had practised law at the Supreme Court and the Bombay High Court.

Justice Chandrachud's career in law combines a blend of both practical experience in law and academics. He was a visiting professor of Comparative Constitutional Law at the University of Mumbai and the Oklahoma University School of Law, U.S.

Watch | How is the Chief Justice of India appointed?
bit.ly/3elVXyb

Judge whose dissent opinions are as powerful as his orders

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

He reminded the judiciary that dissent cannot be sacrificed at the altar of conjectures

Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, who sees dissent as the "safety valve of democracy", is known for his profound judgments and dissenting opinions which prick the conscience of the powerful and challenge the regressive, while displaying ability, conscientiousness and a high sense of justice.

His minority views on the Bench of the court are as incisive as his concurring opinions. Both examine and question settled beliefs and opinions in society, politics and religion. They demand a fresh outlook and trigger the hope of reform.

"Deprivation of liberty even for a single day is one day too many," he wrote about the plight of the burgeoning population of undertrials languishing in jails across the country.

Justice Chandrachud's judgment recognising privacy as a fundamental right became a game-changer which led to the decriminalisation of Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code (consensual adult homosexual relationships). His words, "It is difficult to right a wrong by history. But we can set the course for the future", suggest more to come. The historic dissent in the Aadhaar case, which said the scheme reduced a person to a 12-digit number, overshadowed the main judgment.

His was the sole dissenting opinion upholding the rights of five activists arrested in the Bhima Koregaon case. He reminded the judiciary that dissent cannot be sacrificed at the altar of conjectures.

"Dissent is a symbol of a vibrant democracy. Voices in opposition cannot be muzzled by persecuting those who take up unpopular causes," Justice Chandrachud wrote in his minority opinion.

A common theme in Justice Chandrachud's judgment is an effort to ensure the rights and choices of women.

In the Hadiya case, the judge held a person's right to choose a religion and marry as an intrinsic part of her meaningful existence. In the Sabarimala judgment, the judge held that women of menstrual age had the right to enter the temple. He held that immunising customs and usages took away the primacy of the Constitution.

He was part of the Bench which unanimously upheld the right of the Hindu side to the title of the disputed Ram Janmabhoomi land. He had authored the judgment which concluded that Judge Loya died of natural causes and dismissed PIL petitions alleging foul play.

INBRIEF

Mulayam Singh's last rites held with state honours

Last rites of Samajwadi Party patriarch Mulayam Singh were held with state honours at his native town Saifai in Uttar Pradesh. Leaders from across the political spectrum and a sea of people bid him final farewell. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, his Chhattisgarh counterpart Bhupesh Baghel, Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao, Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav were among the leaders who paid their respects.

Plea for scientific probe in Gyanvapi 'vague': Masjid panel

The Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee of the Gyanvapi mosque on Tuesday filed a rejoinder before the Varanasi district court, objecting to the application of some of the Hindu plaintiffs that seeks a "scientific investigation" of the disputed structure reportedly found inside the mosque during a video survey in May. On Tuesday, the Masjid panel, through its lawyers, argued that the plaintiffs' plea for scientific investigation was "vague and immature".

Uddhav faction candidate to file bypoll papers on Friday

Shiv Sena-Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray party's nominee Rutuja Latke, wife of late Sena MLA Ramesh Latke, will file the nomination papers for the Andheri (East) Assembly byelection on October 14. Former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, his son and Worli MLA Aaditya Thackeray, Maharashtra Pradesh Congress Committee president Nana Patole, and other key leaders of Maha Vikas Aghadi would accompany Ms. Latke in submitting the nomination.

EC allots 'two swords, shield' symbol to Eknath Shinde faction of Sena

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission (EC) on Tuesday allotted the '*dhal talwar*' (two swords and shield) symbol to the Shiv Sena faction led by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde for the upcoming Andheri (East) Assembly byelection.

The group will be known as the Balasahebanchi Shiv Sena, a name which the EC approved on Monday, and will use the symbol allotted to it till the commission decides on the dispute between the Shinde group and the faction led by Uddhav Thackeray for control of the Shiv Sena name and symbol.

The two sides were asked by the EC to submit a list of three names and symbols each by Monday. The poll body allotted the Thackeray faction the "flaming torch", but none of the three options given by Mr. Shinde were agreed to on Monday and he was asked to submit new choices by Tuesday.

Mr. Shinde submitted two options – "sun" and "two swords and shield".

The '*dhal talwar*' was not on the list of free symbols and resembled the symbol of the People's Democratic Movement, two swords and shield.

The outfit was derecognised as a State party in 2004 and delisted on December 26, 2016.

The commission declared the symbol to be free and allotted it to Mr. Shinde's group till it decides on the dispute between the warring factions.

BJP MLA Vikram Saini among 12 sentenced to two years in jail in Muzaffarnagar riots case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A special court in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday sentenced Vikram Saini, Bharatiya Janata Party MLA from Khatauli, and 11 others to two-year imprisonment for rioting and arson in a case linked to the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots.

The MLA, however, received bail soon after the judgment was passed.

"Saini, along with 27 others, was booked in the case under Sections 147, 148, 149,307, 336, 504, 553 and 506 of Indian Penal Code. The court had earlier acquitted the accused from Section 307," government counsel Narender Sharma said.

One of the accused died a few years ago and 15 were acquitted for lack of evidence. The court of additional district and sessions judge Gopal Upadhyay sentenced the BJP MLA and 11 others to two years in prison and imposed a fine of ₹10,000, he added.

Soon after the verdict was passed, Mr. Saini filed a bail application in the court which was immediately accepted.

The Muzaffarnagar riots, which left at least 62 dead and 50,000 displaced, were investigated by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed by the then State government led by the Samajwadi Party.

No nod for V-C's selection

The Hindu Bureau
CHANDIGARH

Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit refused to give consent to the appointment of Dr. Gurpreet Wander as the new Vice-Chancellor of the Baba Farid University of Health Sciences and asked the government to send a list of three names.

ODISHA SUB-ORDINATE STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION
ଓଡିଶା ଅଧସ୍ତନ କର୍ମଚାରୀ ଚୟନ ଆୟୋଗ
ରୁଜ ନଂ -3 ଏବଂ 5, ୟୁନିଟ -1, ଭୁବନେଶ୍ୱର -751009
ଦୂରଭାଷ – 0674-2597149, 2597152 (ଅଫିସ୍), ଫାକ୍ସ- 0674-2597155, ୱେବସାଇଟ : www.osssc.gov.in

CORRIGENDUM

No. IIE-60/2022-1598/OSSSC Dated 10th October, 2022

FOR SELECTION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR SERVICES RELATED TO RECRUITMENT EXAMINATIONS OF DISTRICT CADRE GROUP – B & C POSTS OF GOVT. OF ODISHA

Reference to the Tender Notice No. - 1581/OSSSC dated 30th September 2022 uploaded in the Website www.odisha.gov.in and www.osssc.gov.in respectively, the following amendment is hereby made.

In Para-5 of the Bidding Notification the last date for submission of Bid may be read as **30.11.2022** which is inadvertently written as 31.10.2022.

All other terms and conditions of the aforesaid Tender Notice remains unaltered.

SECRETARY

T-167 OIPR-09007/11/0031/2223

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
BUILDINGS CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE CIRCLE, COIMBATORE
LUMPSUM CONTRACT TWO COVER SYSTEM - ITEM RATE TENDER SYSTEM
TENDER NOTICE No. NIT : 17/B (C &M) Circle / CBE / 2022-23, Date: 07.10.2022

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, Two Cover System sealed Tenders viz., Pre-qualification Tender and Price Tender in separate covers both inserted in single cover will be received upto **3.00 pm on 15.11.2022** from the PWD Registered Contractors by the Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings Construction & Maintenance Circle, Coimbatore – 641 001 for the work of **"Construction of additional building in Government Hospital at Dharapuram in Tiruppur District",** at his office and Pre-qualification Tender will be opened on the same day at **3.30 P.M.**

All other details are available in the website **http://www.tenders.tn.gov.in.** If there are any changes / corrections etc., in future to the tender, it will be published in the above website only.

Superintending Engineer, PWD, Buildings Construction & Maintenance Circle, Coimbatore - 1.

DIPR/4486/TENDER/2022

"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம், சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"

TOURISM CORPORATION OF GUJARAT LIMITED (TCGL)
(A Government of Gujarat Undertaking)
Nigam Bhavan, 1st floor, sector-16
Gandhinagar-382016

Tender Notice

The tender is invited by Tourism Corporation of Gujarat (TCGL), for "Appointment of Agency for Annual Rate Contract (ARC) for Drone Light show with different number of shows and duration at various locations in Gujarat. The interested bidders / agencies may download the tender document form the website: www.nprocure.com from 14/10/2022 onward Last dates of submission on online: 01/11/2022 up to 3:00 PM. Tender may also be referred on www.gujarattourism.com.

Managing Director of TCGL reserves the right to reject or accept any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Managing Director

JAIPUR VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM-II)
MM Building, Old Power House Premises,
Near Ram Mandir, Banipark, Jaipur-302006
Tel. 0141-2202607, E-Mail id:- semm2@jvvnl.org

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

e-tenders are invited for purchase of Single Phase Static Energy Meter with Box (TN-2755 UBN-VVN2223GLOB00446) , Three Phase LT CT Meter (TN- 2756 UBN-VVN2223GLOB00447) and 36 KV Outdoor VCB Kiosks (TN- 2757 UBN-VVN2223GLOB00448). All the details regarding tenders are available at web site www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jvvnl, www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in and www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. In future, corrigendum/ extension, if any, shall be published only at above web sites.

JPR 2750 (2022) SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM-II)
Raj.samwad/C/22/8863 For Electricity Complaints Toll Free No. 1800 180 6507

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E-TENDER NOTICE
Office of the Chief Engineer, (SCM&CSC),
Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram

E-Tender ID: 2022_KSEB_513355_1

PAC: Rs.150 Crore, **Last date:** 28.10.2022, 03.00 pm
Visit **www.etenders.kerala.gov.in** and **www.kseb.in**

Ref: PR/MC1/E378/E-Tender /2022

SRI VENKATESWARA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES : TIRUPATI.
(A University established by an Act of A.P. State Legislature)
TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS : TIRUPATI

Admission Notification (2022-23) for Post Doctoral Fellowship & Certificate Courses

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates of Andhra Pradesh / Telangana for admission into the following courses for 2022-23 academic year.

(1) Post Doctoral Fellowship courses in Pediatric CT Surgery-2, Pediatric Cardiology (Interventional)-1, Pediatric Cardiology (Clinical)-2 and Pediatric Cardiac Anaesthesia-2 (For PGs.) at SPCHC, TTD, Tirupati. (2) Certificate Course in Emergency Medicine-4 & Basics of Dialysis Management-2 (for MBBS) at SVIMS. (3) N.C. Gupta Pulmonary Fellow-2 (For PG) at SVIMS (National Level). Visit: **https://svimstpt.ap.nic.in/adm/adm2022-23.html.**

Donate liberally to "SRI BALAJI AROGYA VARAPRASADINI SCHEME" **Director-cum-VC**

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION, ERNAKULAM JN
1. TENDER NOTICE No. 18-CE-CN-ERS-2022-OT
DATED: 10.10.2022

Name of Work: **Irumpanam - Conversion of ROH depot;** Tender Value : ₹ **1276.26 Lakhs;** Bid Security: ₹ **788100/-;** Completion Period: **18 Months;**

Date and time of tender closing: 04.11.2022

Complete details and tender document will be available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in**

Chief Engineer / Construction / Ernakulam Jn.

Follow us on : twitter.com/GMSRailway

Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited
(A State Govt. Undertaking)
Corporate Identity Number : U40101HP2006SGC030591

National Competitive Bidding
INVITATION FOR BIDS
(E-Tender Mode only)

International Competitive Bids (Open Tendering Mode) are invited from prospective bidders/firms for the tender:

2-P/AFD/Chanju III HEP (E&M) regarding "Procurement of Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Electromechanical Package of Chanju III HEP (3 X 16 MW)"

Starting of Sale of Bids : 10:00 Hrs on 14.10.2022
Deadline for Submission of Bids : 12:00 Hrs. on 17.01.2023
Opening of Bids : 11:00 Hrs. on 18.01.2023

Cost of Bidding Document: INR 15,000/- (Indian Rupees Fifteen Thousand) only (inclusive of GST).

For detailed tender notification, please visit www.hppcl.in or https://www.tenderwizard.com/HPPCL or Contact O/o Dy. General Manager (EC), HPPCL, Himfed Building, BCS, Shimla-09, H.P. Tel. No. +91 177-2671737; Email: dgm_elect@hppcl.in

Sd/-
Dy. General Manager (EC)

E-TENDER NOTICE
TENDER ID:557523

Director Civil Aviation, Government of Gujarat C/o Gujarat State Aviation Infrastructure Company Limited (GUJSAIL), (A Govt. of Gujarat Undertaking) GUJSAIL Complex, Nr.Torrent Sub Station,SVPI Airport, Ahmedabad-380004. Ph.No.079-22882000.

INVITES TENDER FOR OPERATION SERVICES OF SUPER KING AIR B-200 (REG. NO-VT-GUJ)

Pre Bid Meeting Date : 21/10/2022, 12:00 hrs.
Last date of Bid Submission : 02/11/2022, 18:00 hrs.

Interested bidder can download the tender documents and relevent details from **www.nprocure.com**

RAJIV GANDHI UNIVERSITY OF KNOWLEDGE TECHNOLOGIES
(Established through Act No.18 of 2008)
ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA

Ref. No: RGUKT-AP/E-Proc/SA &Architect/ET20-ET25/2022, Dt.12.10.2022

E-PROCUREMENT – TENDER NOTICE

Online tenders are hereby invited from original manufacturers (OEM)/authorized representatives of a OEM/wholesale dealers for supply of the student amenities to the students of RGUKT for its four campuses and Expression of Interest (EOI) from the reputed Architectural firms registered with Council of Architecture (COA) having extensive experience in any Govt. Organization for Design of Buildings/High rise buildings with green building concepts, cost estimation for civil, electrical, water supply, sanitary, firefighting and other installations etc.,

Tender-1 (Mattress with Pillows), Tender-2 (Class Uniforms), Tender-3 (Sports Uniforms), Tender-4 (Formal and Sports Shoes and Socks), Tender-5 (Bed sheet with Pillow cover and Blanket)and Tender-6 (Architectural firms).

Interested bidders can download and submit bids online from **12.10.2022, 11:00 AM** through *https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in* (AP Portal). For further details please visit the University website: www.rgukt.in.

Sd/-
Accounts Officer, RGUKT

राष्ट्रीय मात्स्यिकी विकास बोर्ड
National Fisheries Development Board
मत्स्यपालन विभाग/Department of Fisheries
मत्स्यपालन, पशुपालन और डेयरी मंत्रालय / Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
भारत सरकार / Government of India
स्तम्भ संख्या-235, पी.वी.एन.आर एक्सप्रेस वे, डाक-एस.वी.पी.एन.पी. ए, हैदराबाद- 500052
Pillar No: 235, PVNR Expressway, SVPNPA Post, Hyderabad-500 052
फ़ोन/ Phone No. 040- 24000201; फैक्स/ Fax No: 040-2401 5568; मेल/ Mail: info.nfdb@nic.in

NFDB Advt No: NFDB/D2/FIDF/Evaluation Study//2022-2023 Date: 12-10-2022

NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) under Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Government of India invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from eligible consultant firms for the evaluation of FIDF scheme to assess its achievements, impact, performance etc., for restructuring of the scheme based on the recommendations/findings of the evaluation study and also to cater to the present requirements of the fisheries sector. The detailed RFP including the scope of the study, bid schedule, eligibility criteria & formats for submission etc. is available on NFDB website: www.nfdb.gov.in, Department of Fisheries portal: www.dof.gov.in.

Interested bidders can download the RFP from the above websites and submit their bids

Sd/-
Chief Executive, NFDB

Due date for bid submission: on or before 28th October, 2022, 5:00 PM.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT CENTRE (HSFC),
Construction & Maintenance Group (CMG)
Antariksh Bhavan, Bengaluru-94 Ph:080-22172614/2613/5610

EXTENSION OF E-TENDER
CORRIGENDUM NO.1 DATED:11.10.2022

Title of work	**Construction of Building for ECLSS test facility for Gaganyaan Project at Devenahalli, Bengaluru (Civil & PH works)**
E-Tender Notice No.	**HSFC/CMG/2(4)/C/41/2022-23 Dated:20.09.2022**
Estimated cost put to tender	**Rs. 1504.79 Lakhs**
Period of completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	**(09) Nine Months**
Period for downloading	Extended up to: **23:30 Hrs on 14.10.2022**
Bid clarifications	Extended up to: **10:30 Hrs on 15.10.2022**
Reply to Bid clarifications	Extended up to: **17:00 Hrs on 17.10.2022**
Receipt of tenders	Extended up to: **12:00 Hrs on 18.10.2022**
Opening of tenders	**at 15:00 Hrs on 18.10.2022**

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting E-Tender (E-NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from website: **www.tenderwizard.in/ISRO**

Sd/- Group Director, CMG, HSFC

INBRIEF

NHRC issues advisory on preventing ocular trauma

The National Human Rights Commission on Tuesday issued an advisory to the Union and State governments to prevent and minimise the impact of ocular trauma, which it said causes 5% of permanent blindness. The NHRC asked the government to identify the industries that have a high potential of ocular trauma and make it mandatory for such units with 50 workers or more to have accident cover of ₹15 lakh for each worker. Among the NHRC's suggestions were a ban on sale of fire-crackers that have the potential to cause eye trauma; ban on sale of bows, arrows, pellet guns and toys that have sharp edges; and mandatory safe packaging and labelling of chemicals for domestic use.

Bhopal gas tragedy: Centre 'keen' to pursue curative plea

The Centre on Tuesday informed the Supreme Court of its resolve to pursue its nearly 12-year-old curative petition seeking enhancement of compensation to the victims of the Bhopal gas tragedy, over and above the $470 million already paid by Union Carbide. "The government is very keen to pursue this matter... It is a concern of the government that we cannot abandon the victims," Attorney-General R. Venkataramani submitted before a Constitution Bench led by Sanjay Kishan Kaul. In its curative petition, the Centre had contended that the compensation, determined in 1989, was arrived at on assumptions of truth unrelated to realities.

SC reserves order in Dawoodi Bohra community case

A five-judge Bench of the Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved its order on the question whether it should refer a plea concerning the Dawoodi Bohra community leaders' authority to excommunicate its members to a larger Bench of the court. A Constitution Bench led by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul is dealing with the question whether the practice of excommunication in the Dawoodi Bohra community could continue as a "protected practice" despite the coming into force of the Maharashtra Protection of People from Social Boycott (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act of 2016.

Child actor of India's Oscar entry film *Chhello Show* dead

Child actor Rahul Koli, who played the character of a friend of the protagonist in the Gujarati film *Chhello Show* (Last Film Show) – India's official entry to Oscars 2023 – died of leukemia. The 10-year-old's death comes as the film is slated for a theatrical release on October 14. Rahul, who hailed from Hapa town in Jamnagar district of Gujarat, died on October 2, nearly four months after he was hospitalised at a cancer hospital in Ahmedabad, his father Ramu Koli said on Tuesday. PTI

UN Secretary-General, PM to launch initiative on environment in Gujarat

The programme, which is part of the 'Lifestyle For Environment' initiative, will be held at the Statue of Unity in Kevadia next week and attended by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, over a hundred diplomats and heads of Indian missions

Suhasini Haidar
Mahesh Langa
NEW DELHI/AHMEDABAD

United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will travel to India next week to attend the launch of a special environmental programme, along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, at the Statue of Unity in Kevadia, Gujarat.

Hundreds of officials and over a hundred diplomats and heads of Indian missions will participate.

The programme, which is part of the "Lifestyle for Environment" (LiFE) initiative announced by Mr. Modi in June, will be organised by the NITI Aayog.

Sources confirmed that Mr. Guterres, who will be in India from October 18 to 20, will participate in the LiFE event, and also visit a field project to highlight climate change challenges and solutions for the world.

Antonio Guterres with Narendra Modi. PTI

In addition, he will deliver a public address to students at the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, where his focus is expected to be on global environmental crises.

During a visit to Pakistan last month, where he called those affected by devastating floods in that country as victims of a "grim calculus of climate injustice", Mr. Guterres said "climate chaos is knocking on everyone's door" and needed a global response.

The event at Kevadia will kick off a number of other governmental plans to mark Sardar Patel's birthday on October 31 as National Unity Day. From October 25 to 31, the government will launch "Unitea" marches in all 750 districts of the country to highlight health and environment issues as well.

HoM conference

Prior to the LiFE event, Indian Ambassadors and High Commissioners are expected to congregate in Kevadia for the annual Heads of Mission (HoM) conference.

The HoM conference is expected to include several special programmes to celebrate India's 75 years of Independence, the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, and will mark the second visit by Dr. Jaishankar this month. The Minister had invited more than 50 foreign diplomats based in Delhi to Vadodara to participate in Navratri festivities and Dandiya in the city in early October, and had also taken them for a tour of Kevadia and the Statue of Unity.

An official told *The Hindu* at least 120 HoMs would participate in the Kevadia conference from October 19 to 22. According to the official, Dr. Jaishankar will be in Gujarat from October 17 and will attend the inauguration of the Defence Expo being held in Gandhinagar, before travelling to Kevadia.

The events in Gujarat are seen as a special attempt by the government to highlight the State in the run-up to Assembly election in December. Mr. Modi completed a three-day visit to various Gujarat cities where he addressed public rallies and inaugurated a number of infrastructure projects.

In October 2019, World Bank President David Malpass had visited to address probationers of the Civil Services at the Tent City in Kevadia near the statue.

ED arrests Trinamool MLA in school hiring scam

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday arrested Trinamool Congress MLA Manik Bhattacharya in connection with the West Bengal School Service Commission recruitment scam.

Mr. Bhattacharya, former Chairperson of the West Bengal Board of Primary Education, was arrested after overnight questioning. The MLA was earlier questioned by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and had approached the Supreme Court seeking protection from arrest.

He was produced before a city court during the day.

So far, the ED and the CBI have arrested six key officials, including former Minister Partha Chatterjee.

Mr. Bhattacharya's name had figured in the chargesheet filed by the ED against Mr. Chatterjee. Santi Prasad Sinha and Ashok Kumar Saha, former officials of the WBSSC, have also been arrested.

Technology is a tool for inclusion not exclusion, says Modi at UN Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Narendra Modi

In India, technology is a tool for inclusion and not exclusion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at the inaugural function of the second United Nations World Geospatial Information Congress (UNWGIC) in Hyderabad on Tuesday.

"Geospatial technology has been driving inclusion and progress. Take our SWAMITVA (Survey of Villages and Mapping with Improvised Technology in Village Areas) scheme. We are using drones to map properties in villages. For the first time in decades, people in rural areas have clear evidence of ownership," he told delegates from several countries.

India's steps at building infrastructure was on the backbone of geospatial technology, Mr. Modi said adding that the South Asia satellite was facilitating connection and communication in India's neighbourhood.

India is celebrating 75 years of its freedom from colonial rule and also the freedom to innovate. The country's geospatial sector is open for its young, bright minds, he said.

Data collected over 200 years have been made open and accessible to all. India has given a major boost to its drone sector and opened its space sector to private entities; 5G technology, too, was taking off, the Prime Minister added.

"[The principle of] no one should be left behind applies across. The COVID-19 pandemic should have been a wake-up call to everyone in the world in taking everyone along. Millions in the developing world needed diagnostics, medicines and vaccine, yet they were left to their own fate. There is a need for an institutional approach to help each other during a crisis. Global organisations such as the United Nations (UN) can lead the way in taking resources to the last person," Mr. Modi remarked.

Ahead of the congress, Union Science Minister Jitendra Singh said that India's geospatial economy was expected to cross ₹63,100 crore by 2025 at a growth rate of 12.8%.

He said geospatial technology had become one of the key enablers in socio-economic development by enhancing productivity, ensuring sustainable infrastructure planning, effective administration, and aiding the farm sector.

The conference will be attended by over 2,000 delegates, including at least 700 international delegates and participants from about 120 countries.

Farmers' outfits question delay in announcing MSP for ongoing Rabi season

A.M. Jigeesh
NEW DELHI

Farmers' organisations have questioned the delay in announcing the minimum support price (MSP) for crops in the ongoing Rabi season even as sowing has started in several States. Farmers point out that announcing the MSP is important so that they can select the crops that have to be sown during the season.

Shamli-based farmers leader Jitender Singh Hudda urged the Centre to implement the Swaminathan Commission formula to decide the MSP and include comprehensive input cost, including rental value of land plus 50%. "The input cost for fuels, seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, labour and transportation has increased. Agricultural instruments and their maintenance have also become costly," Mr. Hudda said.

The RSS-affiliated farmers' outfit Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS) said it was not consulted either by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) or the Centre this time. "Earlier, there used to be two members representing farmers in the CACP. Now, there are no members representing farmers, and the MSP is calculated based on available statistics before the government," said BKS general secretary Mohini Mohan Mishra.

Late arrival: In 2020, the MSP for Rabi was announced on September 23 and in 2021, on September 8. K.V.S. GIRI

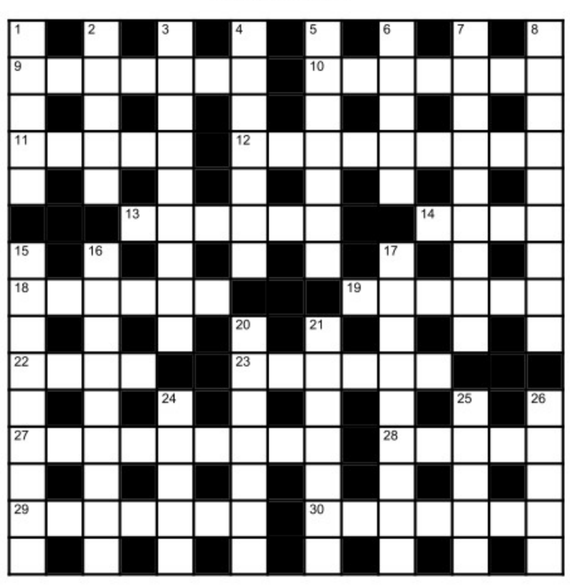
All-India Kisan Sabha president Ashok Dhawale said the CACP generally send invitation for discussion. "We placed our opinion when the CACP consulted us before the Kharif sowing. However, we believe that whatever consultations held on MSP were a mere formality so far," Dr. Dhawale said. He added that there was tremendous increase on the input price, particularly insecticides and fertilizers. "The MSP has to be hiked a lot if some kind of a justice has to be done to the farmers. The Centre should have announced the MSP in September itself. Otherwise, how will the farmer decide what should be sown and what should not be. They should have the MSP figures before them to take a decision," he added.

TH CROSSWORD + 10683

(set by Vidwan)

To solve this puzzle online, get across to our crossword site. @ *https://qrgo.page.link/jjpTn*

SCAN TO PLAY



Across

9 State subsidy for homeless (7)
10 One crossing a limit about reserves (7)
11 Miss the beautiful essence of heteronym phonetics (5)
12 Authorised to see Area 51? Dashed right away! (9)
13 Lying about negative face of the man who redefined power and communication in modern times (6)
14 Take no time to cordon off (4)
18 Modern art movement bypassing new 'German' Germany archetype (6)
19 German toils regularly for nothing (6)
22 Pay up! I'm procuring secretly! (4)
23 Get even vegan dishes around middle of Siberia (6)
27 Best in PR! A lone liberal! (9)
28 City's corrupt Abu Dhabi banks (5)
29 Status of the Swiss gear? (7)
30 Kind of a covert ham (7)

Down

1 Not odd time for a contest? (5)
2 Hindu literature with terms of tantra, yog, mantra, homam et cetera (5)
3 Church had cartel fights (9)
4 Reversion of primitive trait - 'I am vast...free!' (7)
5 Possessed by sex, men scheme to sow seeds (7)
6 An open place in forest...sunny, extremely serene (8)
7 Law about alien art work (9)
8 Mind's lava creates wanton destruction (9)
15 Cool case (9)
16 Hurt persistently by partly mean music maker (9)
17 Officer runs, crashes, big, top-grade, fancy ride (9)
20 Antelope that moves fast with staggering zeal inside gulley regularly (7)
21 He moves things, mostly tummy and occasionally booty! (7)
24 Congo's bonanza! Ireland treasures! (5)
25 Submarine about to be dismantled (1-4)
26 City on borders of Thames seeing mob violence (5)

SUDOKU

				5	4	3		
7			9		3			
3				1				5
8		4	2	7			5	
	1						6	
	7			8	6	2		4
1				4				6
			8		7			1
		8	1	6				

No.SS5586 Distribution: www.knightfeatures.com

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

Solution to puzzle 10682

	D	S		G		B		V		S		A		
R	E	S	T		O	I	L	T	A	N	K	E	R	S
	T		E		I		O		U		U		M	
T	A	I	W	A	N		C	O	L	O	N	I	S	E
	C		A	T				T		K				
S	H	E	R	W	O	O	D		E	A	S	T	E	R
	A		D				O		R				M	
I	B	I	S		W	A	N	T	S		S	K	I	P
	L				I		O				W		S	
L	E	A	V	E	S			R	E	H	E	A	R	S	E
			I		H				A		L		A	
A	S	S	E	M	B	L	E		M	I	L	O	R	D
	P		W		O		R		M		O		I	
F	I	R	E	E	N	G	I	N	E		W	E	E	P
	V		D		E		E		R		S		S	

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

6	8	4	7	9	3	1	5	2
5	3	2	4	8	1	9	7	6
7	1	9	5	2	6	4	8	3
8	7	6	2	1	4	3	9	5
9	4	1	3	6	5	7	2	8
3	2	5	8	7	9	6	1	4
1	9	8	6	3	2	5	4	7
4	6	7	9	5	8	2	3	1
2	5	3	1	4	7	8	6	9

FAITH

According to one's capacity

Alavandar, the Vaishnavite Acharya, wants to praise Lord Narayana, but wonders how he is to do it. Is he qualified for the task? That is the doubt that Alavandar has.

Nammazhvar had experienced a similar feeling, but he overcame his initial hesitation, and composed verses in praise of the Lord. Alavandar too uses many arguments to convince himself that he can and must praise the Lord, said Valayapet Ramachariar in a discourse on Alavandar's Stotra Ratna.

Vedanta Desika, in his Rahasya Traya Sara, quotes his maternal uncle Appullar, who was also Desika's Acharya. Appullar used to observe that there might be Vedantic scholars who knew that the Lord was the end and the means. But they might have chosen to keep from singing His praise because they were frightened of His Supremacy. Such people, despite their knowledge, were inferior to the Gopikas, who had no knowledge, but had great love for the Lord. Peria Vachan Pillai and Desika quote the example of Kaliya to show that fear of the Lord's Paratva is a common feeling. Kaliya was afraid that because of his incapacity, he could not praise Krishna. Humbled by Krishna, Kaliya wants to praise Him. But Kaliya feels he cannot do it. Brahma worships the Lord with special, fragrant flowers. Rishis enthrone Him in their hearts, and the flowers they use are eight qualities. And yet neither Brahma, nor the devas can fully understand Him. So Kaliya prays for the Lord's mercy, so that he too can praise Him. Each of us can praise the Lord according to our capacity. If we keep from doing this, because of our feeling of insignificance, then there will be no one left to praise Him.

JAKARTA

Last surviving Bali bomber's apology rejected by victims

The last surviving bomber in the Bali blasts that killed more than 200 people two decades ago has expressed regret ahead of its 20th anniversary on Wednesday, but victims have rejected his apology. Ali Imron was sentenced to life in prison for his role in the blasts that ripped through a nightclub and a bar on a resort island. AFP

BEIJING

China steps up COVID-19 measures in megacities as infections mount

Shanghai and other big Chinese cities, including Shenzhen, have ramped up testing for COVID-19 as infections rise, with officials hastily closing schools, entertainment venues and tourist spots. As of Monday, 36 Chinese cities were under various degrees of lockdown or control, affecting around 196.9 million people. REUTERS

WASHINGTON DC

Tulsi Gabbard quits Democratic Party, calls it 'cabal of war-mongers'

U.S. Congresswoman and the first Hindu American to run for the White House in 2020, Tulsi Gabbard, on Tuesday announced that she is leaving the governing Democratic Party, denouncing it as an "elitist cabal of war-mongers." She has, however, kept everyone guessing on her next move. AFP

NA KLANG

Families gather for cremation of Thailand nursery attack victims

Devastated families gathered Tuesday for the cremation of their loved ones killed in a Thai nursery massacre that claimed 36 lives including 24 children. A former police officer armed with a gun and knife went on a rampage through the nursery on Thursday before going on to kill his wife and child and taking his own life. AP

G7 vows support for Ukraine after Russian forces launch mass strikes

Group promises support for Kyiv 'as long as it takes'; missile strikes kill one person in Zaporizhzhia and leaves part of Lviv without power; Belarus says its military exercise alongside Russian troops is to assess 'combat readiness'

Reuters
KYIV

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky appealed to leaders of the Group of Seven nations on Tuesday for more air defence capabilities and the G7 vowed to support Kyiv for "as long as it takes" while warning Russia against any use of nuclear weapons.

The G7 – which groups the United States, Germany, France, Japan, Britain, Italy and Canada – pledged continued "financial, humanitarian, military, diplomatic and legal support... for as long as it takes" to Ukraine, it said in a statement.

Timely ties: Vladimir Putin, right, meeting UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan in St. Petersburg on Tuesday. AP

NATO said it was closely monitoring Russia's nuclear forces following a string of Russian battlefield defeats in Ukraine and that the allies were also boosting security around key infrastructure after recent attacks on Baltic Sea gas pipelines.

Russian missiles again hit Ukrainian cities but with less intensity than on Monday, when dozens of strikes killed 19 persons, wounded more than 100 and knocked out power supplies across the country.

More missile strikes killed at least one person in the southeastern Ukrainian town of Zaporizhzhia and left part of the western city of Lviv without power, local officials said.

"When Ukraine receives a sufficient quantity of modern and effective air defence systems, the key element of Russia's terror, rocket strikes, will cease to work," Mr. Zelensky told G7 leaders at a virtual meeting where he again ruled out peace talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Belarus, Moscow's closest ally, said it had begun an exercise to assess its "combat readiness" after ordering troops on Monday to deploy with Russian forces near its border with Ukraine. Belarus allowed Russia to use its territory to invade Ukraine but has not sent its own troops across the border.

Mr. Zelensky denied Minsk's claim that Ukraine planned to attack Belarus but told the G7 he wanted to make sure there was no threat from its northern neighbour, and he called for a mission of international observers to monitor the border area.

Israel and Lebanon reach an agreement on maritime border

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

Israel said on Tuesday it has reached a U.S.-brokered agreement with Lebanon to settle their long-disputed maritime border, hailing a "historic achievement" that potentially unlocks significant offshore gas production for both countries.

Negotiations between the neighbouring countries, which are still technically at war, had suffered repeated setbacks since their launch in 2020 but gained momentum in recent weeks with both sides eyeing revenue from potentially rich Mediterranean gas fields.

U.S. envoy Amos Hochstein floated a proposed final agreement earlier this month that Israel welcomed, but Lebanon had sought some adjustments subsequently.

A major source of friction was the Karish gas field, which Israel insisted fell entirely within its waters and was not a subject of negotiation.

Lebanon reportedly claimed part of the field and Hezbollah, the powerful Iran-backed militant group that holds huge sway in Lebanon, threatened attacks if Israel began production at Karish.

Under terms of the agreement leaked to the press. all of the Karish field would fall under Israeli control, while another potential gas field, Qana, would be divided but its exploitation would be under Lebanon's control.

Charles III will be crowned King on May 6, says palace

Associated Press
LONDON

King Charles III will be crowned at Westminster Abbey on May 6 in a ceremony that will embrace the past but look to the modern world after the 70-year reign of the late Queen Elizabeth II.

Tuesday's announcement from Buckingham Palace comes amid speculation that the coronation will be shorter and less extravagant than the three-hour ceremony that installed Elizabeth in 1953, in keeping with King Charles' plans for a slimmed down monarchy.

While the palace provided few details about the ceremony, British media reported that the guest list would be pared to 2,000 from 8,000.

Urban poverty triples in Sri Lanka amid enduring economic crisis

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

As Sri Lankans continue braving their worst economic crisis since Independence, urban poverty on the island has tripled in the last year, from 5% to 15%, according to a recent World Bank report.

Sri Lanka is experiencing "its highest poverty rate since 2009 [when the civil war ended], and an erosion of the steady gains in welfare made between 2006 and 2019," the Bank noted in its recent Sri Lanka Development Update titled 'Protecting the poor and vulnerable in a time of crisis', released earlier this month.

While 80% of Sri Lanka's poor still live in rural areas, the poverty rate in urban areas has tripled since 2021, and half the population in estate areas is currently living below the poverty line, it said, referring to Sri Lanka's hill country that is home to the island's historically-neglected Malaiyaha Tamils. About 1.5 lakh people, mostly women, from the million-strong community work in the tea estates,

Hand-to-mouth existence: A woman sitting by the fireplace at meal time in a shanty in Colombo in Sri Lanka. AP

bringing in crucial foreign exchange to the country. They live in dire conditions, in colonial-era line rooms, and labour hard to be paid their LKR 1,000 daily wage (roughly ₹225).

Across districts, Mullaitivu in the Tamil-majority Northern Province continues to be the poorest –57 % poverty recorded in 2022 – followed by neighbouring Kilinochchi and Nuwara Eliya in the Central Province [hill country], the report said.

Food and fuel shortages

The update comes while Sri Lanka struggles to cope with a harrowing economic crash that forced the government to default on its $50 billion foreign debt in April. The following months witnessed enormous shortages of essentials, including food staples, fuel and medicines, as well as an unprecedented people's uprising that ousted former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. Backed by a parliamentary vote, senior politician Ranil Wickremesinghe was elected President in July. While essential supplies have since improved, with the government's fuel rationing policy and repurposed World Bank funds, the fundamental macroeconomic problems remain.

Emphasising that national security is ensured not only with the military, but also through food and economic security, President Wickremesinghe has called for "urgent measures", his office said on Tuesday, following a review meeting of the government's 'National Food Security and Nutrition Assurance Programme'. His government, while facing growing public criticism over inadequate action and repression, is counting on a $2.9 billion package from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), that will be released only after Sri Lanka's creditors commit to a debt restructuring programme.

As part of its recommendations, the World Bank has urged the government to increase financing for social assistance; come up with a social protection strategy, that includes an operational Welfare Benefits Board and a Social Registry, to enable effective targeting of social security programmes, given the addition of "newly poor" families. It has also called for an increase in cash transfers, to account for the double-digit inflation

Russia labels Meta 'terrorist' group

Agence France-Presse
MOSCOW

Russia on Tuesday added U.S. tech giant Meta, the parent company of Instagram and Facebook, to a list of "terrorist and extremist" organisations, according to a database of the Federal Service for Financial Monitoring (Rosfinmonitoring).

Russia in late March banned Facebook and Instagram for "carrying out extremist activities" after authorities accused Meta of tolerating "Russophobia" during Russia's military campaign in neighbouring Ukraine.

Meta had announced on March 10 that the platforms would allow statements like "death to Russian invaders" but not credible threats against civilians, before saying the change only applied to users posting from Ukraine.

Facebook and Instagram have been inaccessible in Russia since March, but many Russians resorted to VPN to keep using the social media network.

Prominent human rights lawyer Pavel Chikov said the latest move "in itself, did not really change anything" but was a reminder of the risks associated with using Meta apps "considering prosecutors are being proactive".

The ban does not apply WhatsApp.

INBRIEF

JSW Cement to add 5 MTPA in central India for ₹3,200 crore

JSW Cement on Tuesday said it would invest more than ₹3,200 crore to set up two greenfield cement manufacturing facilities having a total capacity of 5 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) in central India.

The firm, part of the $22 billion JSW Group, would set up an integrated greenfield cement manufacturing facility in Madhya Pradesh as well as a split grinding unit in Uttar Pradesh. JSW Cement currently has a capacity of 17 MTPA. PTI

Jio-BP to set up charging network for Mahindra e-SUVs

Jio-BP, a fuels and mobility joint venture between Reliance Industries Ltd. (RIL) and BP, said it would set up a charging network for Mahindra & Mahindra's (M&M) upcoming e-SUVs.

Starting with 16 cities, Jio-BP would install DC fast chargers in the M&M dealership network and workshops across the country. With these chargers being open to the public, the partnership will benefit all stakeholders in the EV value chain, the companies said in a statement.

Suzlon's ₹1,200-crore rights issue opens for subscription

The rights issue of renewable major Suzlon Energy Ltd. opened on Tuesday. The issue aims to raise up to ₹1,200 crore to repay a part of the outstanding debt and meet working capital requirements. The issue will close on October 20.

Since the rights issue does not have a minimal threshold of subscription, the company said it would use the proceeds raised irrespective of subscription level. The firm has a total global installed capacity of 19.44 GW.

Ministries urged to shun 'inflated' demands for funds

Finance Ministry seeks 'objective' proposals for first supplementary demands for grants for FY23; PAC earlier said dept. demands marked by 'bad planning, lack of foresight, ineffective monitoring'

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

The Finance Ministry has asked all Ministries to weed out 'infructuous or inflated' funding requests and tap savings from their existing Budget allocations before seeking more funds for this year.

The Ministry has urged departments to 'avoid pitfalls' in spending that have been flagged by the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) and mooted a thorough and objective assessment of the additional funds required as supplementary demands for grants.

Bear in mind: In an earlier report, the PAC said departments had taken a 'tepid approach' in preparing Budget estimates. FILE PHOTO

In a memo issued on Monday, the Department of Economic Affairs sought proposals from Ministries by November 11 for the first batch of supplementary demands to be placed in the upcoming Winter session of Parliament. Officials in line Ministries processing supplementary demand proposals have been instructed to 'invariably identify savings so that infructuous or inflated demands' are weeded out.

Departments have been reminded about PAC's observations in an earlier report on 'Excess expenditure' rapping them for a 'tepid approach' in preparing Budget estimates and supplementary demands marked by 'bad planning, lack of foresight and ineffective monitoring'.

While the Finance Ministry itself has advised departments to propose supplementary demands in the Winter session in some cases, broadly, Ministries have been advised to only seek more funds in certain other cases.

Oil slides 1.7% on recession fears, China's COVID cases

Reuters
LONDON

Oil prices fell about 2% on Tuesday, extending the previous session's almost 2% slide, as recession fears and a flare-up in COVID-19 cases in China raised concerns over global demand.

World Bank President David Malpass and International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva warned on Monday of a growing risk of global recession and said inflation remains a continuing problem.

Brent crude was down $1.62, or 1.7%, to $94.57 a barrel by 1614 GMT.

"There is growing pessimism in the markets now," said Craig Erlam of brokerage OANDA.

Sensex slips 1.5% as Europe tensions rise

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Benchmark stock indices fell about 1.5% on Tuesday on rising geopolitical tensions in Europe.

The S&P BSE Sensex fell 843.79 points, or 1.46%, to 57,147.32 points. The NSE Nifty 50, too, slumped 257.45 points, or 1.49%, to 16,983.55 points.

"Investors are becoming risk-averse due to rising geopolitical turmoil as well as worries about the global economic slump," said Vinod Nair, head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

"Investors' caution ahead of the announcement of inflation data prevented a better-than-expected start to IT earnings from improving market mood," he said.

The rupee, meanwhile, appreciated 19 paise to 82.21 against the U.S. dollar. On Monday, the rupee had slipped 10 paise to close at 82.40.

Govt. to meet mobile makers, telcos to fix 5G access issue

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Most users have been unable to access 5G as handsets need software update to latch on to network

The government has called for a meeting of telecom operators and handset makers to work on resolving issues and expediting the roll-out of 5G services.

The call for the meeting comes in the backdrop of many consumers being unable to access 5G services despite having a 5G-enabled smartphone almost two weeks after the ultra-high speed network was unveiled. The meeting would be jointly chaired by the Telecom Secretary and the IT Secretary.

In addition to senior officials of the two Ministries, representatives of the three private operators – Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel and Vodafone Idea, along with representatives from smartphone makers such as Apple, Samsung, Oppo, Vivo, Xiaomi, Realme, Motorola, and OnePlus, are expected to attend.

Most users have been unable to access 5G as a majority of 5G handsets need an over-the-air (OTA) software update to latch on to the 5G network.

The focus of the meeting would be to enable the handsets of the customers to be ready for 5G services.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	(%) CHANGE
Sensex	57,147	-1.46
US Dollar	82.21	0.23
Gold	51,105	-1.00
Brent oil	94.66	-2.91

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3273.95	27.70
Adani Ports	797.35	-10.75
Apollo Hosp	4275.55	-65.05
Asian Paints	3298.70	20.75
Axis Bank	785.55	8.70
Bajaj Auto	3528.75	-88.20
Bajaj Finserv	1672.65	-11.75
Bajaj Finance	7202.80	-90.60
Bharti Airtel	780.30	-12.05
BPCL	299.75	-4.90
Britannia Ind	3727.90	-69.95
Cipla	1110.10	-8.75
Coal India	225.45	-4.40
Divis Lab	3502.20	-184.40
Dr Reddys Lab	4282.75	-97.25
Eicher Motors	3408.00	-123.60
Grasim Ind	1644.50	-29.45
HCL Tech	938.60	-24.65
HDFC	2271.25	-27.25
HDFC Bank	1400.65	-14.35
HDFC Life	522.55	-10.65
Hero MotoCorp	2548.15	-22.35
Hindalco	396.05	-11.45
Hind Unilever	2550.65	-54.95
ICICI Bank	870.60	-11.15
IndusInd Bank	1164.60	-45.70
Infosys	1423.80	-38.85
ITC	326.30	-1.55
JSW Steel	642.75	-23.25
Kotak Bank	1787.90	-20.35
L&T	1878.95	-30.70
M&M	1229.55	-13.45
Maruti Suzuki	8684.15	-178.25
NestleIndia	18449.95	-669.10
NTPC	161.05	-2.90
ONGC	131.10	-2.15
PowerGrid Corp	208.35	-0.60
Reliance Ind	2357.90	-47.90
SBI Life	1206.35	-32.95
State Bank	527.40	-3.35
Sun Pharma	944.75	-1.30
TataConsumerProduct	742.60	-14.55
Tata Motors	393.35	-2.60
Tata Steel	100.35	-2.85
TCS	3069.55	-49.00
Tech Mahindra	1004.85	-24.50
Titan	2624.50	-55.60
UltraTech Cement	6076.75	-73.15
UPL	664.15	-18.85
Wipro	404.40	-6.90

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on October 11

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.11	82.43
Euro	79.89	80.20
British Pound	91.07	91.43
Japanese Yen (100)	56.40	56.62
Chinese Yuan	11.45	11.51
Swiss Franc	82.43	82.76
Singapore Dollar	57.16	57.40
Canadian Dollar	59.49	59.73
Malaysian Ringitt	17.57	17.65
Australian Dollar	51.60	51.80

Source:Indian Bank

SPL eyes 35% growth in Chennai realty market

N. Anand
CHENNAI

Shriram Properties Ltd. (SPL) is bullish about the Chennai real estate market and has a pipeline of nine projects for development, according to CMD M. Murali.

"The real estate sector is likely to grow by 20-25% this year," he said. "We will be ahead of the market curve and post year-on-year growth of about 35%," he said in an interview.

"We have a strong pipeline of projects," he said.

So far, SPL has developed ₹3,000 crore worth of properties in Chennai while ₹2,425-crore projects are in the pipeline.

RBI consolidates norms on unhedged forex exposure

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday modified and consolidated guidelines for banks on unhedged foreign currency exposures of any entity to prevent losses due to heightened volatility in the forex market.

The RBI has, from time to time, issued several guidelines to the banks on Unhedged Foreign Currency Exposure (UFCE) of the entities that have borrowed from banks.

In the wake of a bank seeking clarification on aspects related to UFCE, the RBI said a comprehensive review of guidelines had been undertaken and all existing instructions on the subject had been consolidated. These instructions shall come into force from January 1, 2023, it said.

The RBI said entities which do not hedge foreign currency exposure can incur significant losses during intense volatility in foreign exchange rates.

Ravi Kumar resigns as president of Infosys

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Infosys on Tuesday announced the resignation of Ravi Kumar S., President, effective October 11.

Based in New York, Mr. Kumar led multiple service lines and specialised digital sales across consulting, and technology verticals.

He was in charge of insurance and payments businesses before he became president in 2016. He was also spearheading Infosys's Metaverse initiatives. He had worked with the company for almost 20 years.

He was the third highest-paid staff after Salil Parekh and U. B. Pravin Rao as per FY22 annual report.

Cisco to invest in dedicated India Webex infrastructure

Yuthika Bhargava
NEW DELHI

Technology company Cisco said its India telecom licence would not be used to compete with telecom service providers, who are its largest customers and partners, but would help accelerate Webex adoption across the country.

The company on Tuesday announced investments in dedicated India Webex infrastructure. Webex is an enterprise communications technology solution from Cisco.

The company, which recently obtained its telecom licence from the government, will not only be working with telcos in rolling out commercial 5G networks, but is also in discussions with large conglomerates as well as service providers for private 5G networks. "Service providers are both our biggest customers and our partners. No, we are not going to become competitors (to them)," said Daisy Chittilapilly, president, Cisco India and SAARC.

Daisy Chittilapilly

"In fact, this may open up some very interesting go-to-market possibilities, and that is where we are going to stay very much focussed. The regulations required us to get a licence," Ms. Chittilapilly said.

She added that Cisco was seeing a rapid increase in users and getting a licence would help the company offer lower latency and affordability which would help open up further markets in India.

The India Webex infrastructure includes a dedicated data centre, and is backed by Cisco Secure products and solutions to ensure best-in-class data privacy and security, the company said.

Cisco added that this would enable it to provide India-specific pricing for customers, lowering the cost by more than 50%.

Ethanol holds 'tremendous' potential for India: Toyota

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Ethanol holds 'tremendous' potential for India as a clean energy source that can significantly reduce fossil fuel consumption, energy import bills and carbon emissions, carmaker Toyota said in a statement on Tuesday.

Higher use of ethanol as a fuel would also increase farmer incomes and create jobs, thus boosting the rural economy and increasing government revenue from surplus sugar and foodgrains, it said. Toyota introduced a pilot project on Flexi-Fuel Strong Hybrid Electric Vehicles (FFV-SHEV) in India.

FOOTBALL

Messi to headline Maradona 'match for peace' homage

Lionel Messi will headline a star-studded line-up for a 'match for peace' in tribute to fellow Argentina football great Diego Maradona on November 14 in Rome. former Brazilian star Ronaldinho, Italian World Cup-winner Gianluigi Buffon and Roma's Portuguese coach Jose Mourinho have also confirmed availability.

CRICKET

Allen, Conway power New Zealand past Pakistan in Tri-Series

Finn Allen (62) and Devon Conway (49) shared a 117-run opening stand as New Zealand cruised to a nine-wicket win over Pakistan in the T20 Tri-Series in Christchurch on Tuesday.
The scores: Pakistan 130/7 in 20 overs (Iftikhar 27, Asif 25 n.o.) lost to New Zealand 131/1 in 16.1 overs (Allen 62, Conway 49 n.o.).

BADMINTON

Lakshya Sen reaches career-best ranking of eighth

Commonwealth Games gold medallist Lakshya Sen continued to move up on the Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Rankings ladder to grab a new career-high eighth position in men's singles while the men's doubles pair of M.R. Arjun and Dhruv Kapila also moved closer to top-20 by jumping two spots to be at 21.

KABADDI

Steelers overcome Thalaivas; Goyat stars in Titans' first win

Haryana Steelers registered a 27-22 win over Tamil Thalaivas in the Pro Kabaddi League in Bengaluru on Tuesday. For Steelers, raider Manjeet Dahiya starred with eight points while Jaideep showcased his strong defensive work. Monu Goyat's all-round show gave Telugu Titans its first win, a 30-21 verdict over Patna Pirates.

India makes it a no-contest, clinches series

Kuldeep leads the way with four wickets as the spinners turn it India's way in the series decider; Washington chips in with the key wickets of de Kock and Miller as the visitors are shot out for 99, their fourth-lowest ODI total; Men in Blue now top the World Cup Super League standings; South Africa misses direct qualification to the 2023 World Cup

S. AFRICA IN INDIA

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

Contrary to expectations, the series-deciding clash never rose as a contest. From winning the toss to inflicting a seven-wicket defeat on South Africa, India did everything in right and in quick time. For the first time in the series, the captain winning the toss was also the winning captain.

Inept batting in the face of some disciplined bowling left South Africa with its fourth-lowest ODI total of 99 in 27.1 overs. India raced to victory in just 19.1 overs.

Gill misses half-century

After losing the company of skipper Shikhar Dhawan and Ishan Kishan, Shubman Gill missed a well-deserved half-century. A consistent Shreyas Iyer hoisted the winning six to seal the series 2-1.

The result lifted India from fifth place to the top spot in the ICC World Cup Super League standings while South Africa missed direct qualification to next year's World Cup in India.

Half an hour was lost owing to a damp outfield but once stand-in skipper David Miller called incorrectly at the toss, Dhawan and India gained everything.

If India went into the match unchanged from the combination that won at Ranchi on Sunday, South Africa made three changes.

An unwell Keshav Maharaj, Wayne Parnell and Kagiso Rabada made way for Lungi Ngidi, Marco Jansen and Andile Phehlukwayo. Eventually, the visitors' decision to go with an extra pacer did not help.

On a pitch where the ball gripped the surface, much to the liking of the spinners, Washington Sundar, Shahbaz Ahmed and Kuldeep Yadav shared eight wickets.

They gained from the fact that the batters relied on playing spin by reading it off the surface instead of gauging it off the bowler's hand or in the air.

Kuldeep, introduced in the 20th over, hastened the end by taking four for 18. He missed a hat-trick but had the satisfaction of striking thrice in the space of his last six deliveries.

Among the pacers, Mohammad Siraj was rewarded with two of the first three wickets to fall before a wicket-less Avesh Khan impressed.

On a pitch that held no terrors, the South Africans paid the price for poor execution of strokes. Quinton de Kock, Janneman Malan and Reeza Hendricks were justified in their stroke-selection but failed to clear the fielders.

Heinrich Klaasen, the only batter to play for over an hour, risked stepping back to cut a delivery that did not turn as expected.

Miller, making his ODI captaincy debut, struggled before Washington foxed him.

After the spinners did the trick, the Indian batters finished the job without much ado.

Job well done: India can be proud of pulling off an impressive series win over South Africa given the composition of the team. R.V. MOORTHY

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA
Janneman Malan c Avesh b Siraj 15 *(27b, 3x4)*, Quinton de Kock c Avesh b Washington 6 *(10b, 1x4)*, Reeza Hendricks c sub (Bishnoi) b Siraj 3 *(21b)*, Aiden Markram c Samson b Shahbaz 9 *(19b)*, Heinrich Klaasen b Shahbaz 34 *(42b, 4x4)*, David Miller b Washington 7 *(8b, 1x4)*, Andile Phehlukwayo b Kuldeep 5 *(5b, 1x4)*, Marco Jansen c Avesh b Kuldeep 14 *(19b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Bjorn Fortuin lbw b Kuldeep 1 *(5b)*, Anrich Nortje b Kuldeep 0 *(1b)*, Lungi Ngidi (not out) 0 *(6b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-4): 5; Total (in 27.1 overs): 99.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-7 (de Kock, 2.5 overs), 2-25 (Malan, 7.5), 3-26 (Hendricks, 9.6), 4-43 (Markram, 15.3), 5-66 (Miller, 18.5), 6-71 (Phehlukwayo, 19.4), 7-93 (Klaasen, 24.3), 8-94 (Fortuin, 25.3), 9-94 (Nortje, 25.4).

INDIA BOWLING
Washington 4-0-15-2, Siraj 5-0-17-2, Avesh 5-1-8-0, Shahbaz 7-0-32-2, Shardul 2-0-8-0, Kuldeep 4.1-1-18-4.

INDIA
Shikhar Dhawan run out 8 *(14b, 1x4)*, Shubman Gill lbw b Ngidi 49 *(57b, 8x4)*, Ishan Kishan c de Kock b Fortuin 10 *(18b, 2x4)*, Shreyas Iyer (not out) 28 *(23b, 3x4, 2x6)*, Sanju Samson (not out) 2 *(4b)*; Extras (b-1, lb-5, w-1, nb-1): 8; Total (for three wkts. in 19.1 overs): 105.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-42 (Dhawan, 6.1), 2-58 (Kishan, 10.4), 3-97 (Gill, 18.2).

SOUTH AFRICA BOWLING
Jansen 5.1-0-43-0, Ngidi 5-0-21-1, Nortje 5-1-15-0, Fortuin 4-1-20-1.
Toss: India.
Player-of-the-match: Kuldeep.
Player-of-the-series: Siraj.
India won by seven wickets with 30.5 overs remaining to clinch the three-match series 2-1.

Dhoni. SUDHAKARA JAIN

Dhoni backs India to do well in T20 World Cup

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

M.S. Dhoni believes that if India plays at near-potential, it will perform exceedingly well at the upcoming ICC T20 World Cup in Australia.

"It is a very nice team and they have been playing very well," Dhoni said in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

"I am hoping all the game days should be their days. If they play at 80 to 90% of their potential, and other teams also play to their potential, we will win more often than not.

"You have to be at your best and every team prepares for it."

Binny to succeed Ganguly, Shah to continue as secretary

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Binny. FILE PHOTO: K.R. DEEPAK

Roger Binny, one of the architects of India's 1983 World Cup triumph and the president of Karnataka State Cricket Association, is set to be elected unopposed on October 18 as president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

Binny, along with a host of BCCI hierarchy, filed his nomination papers at the BCCI headquarters here on Tuesday ahead of the election, to be conducted at its 91st annual general meeting on October 18.

Rajeev Shukla, who is set to continue as vice-president for a second successive term, announced the consensus candidates who filed their nomination papers on Tuesday.

Shukla, a Congress Member of Parliament, told the media that the unanimous election of candidates was the "sign of a healthy organisation that's working for the improvement of the game".

Third Test cricketer

Binny is set to become the third Test cricketer to head the BCCI. The other two are the Maharaja of Vizianagaram and Sourav Ganguly, whose term will end at the AGM.

While Ganguly will pass the baton on to Binny, Jay Shah, son of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, is set to continue for another term as secretary of the Board.

Another Bharatiya Janata Party heavyweight from Maharashtra, Ashish Shelar, will replace Arun Dhumal as treasurer.

Dhumal, a sibling of Sports Minister Anurag Thakur, is set to be appointed chairman of the Indian Premier League. Dhumal and Avishek Dalmiya submitted their nomination papers for the two elected governing council member posts.

Devajit Saikia, Assam Advocate-General and a cricket administrator, is set to take over as joint secretary.

While Saikia will replace Kerala's Jayesh George, the sixth elected post in the apex council – that of a member's representative, will go to Khairul 'Mamon' Majumdar.

Akash stuns Shiva to make the title bout; Nikhil beats Sumit to enter 75kg final

NG BOXING

Y.B. Sarangi
GANDHINAGAR

National champion Akash Sangwan toppled World and Asian medallist Shiva Thapa 3-2 in a thrilling semifinal bout to enter the men's 67kg final at the boxing arena of the National Games here on Tuesday.

A grief-stricken Nikhil Dubey, who received the news of his coach's death in a road accident, stunned Thailand Open champion Sumit Kundu 4-1 to enter the 75kg final.

Young Poonam relied on her fast hands to upset Worlds bronze medallist Jamuna Boro 4-1 in a closely-fought 57kg contest.

Olympic bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain and Worlds medallist Saweety Boora in women's 75kg, Olympian Simranjit Kaur and CWGommonwealth Games medallist Jaismine Lamboria in 66kg and double Commonwealth Games medallist Muhammad Hussamuddin and World youth champion Sachin Siwach Junior in men's 57kg set up mouthwatering summit clashes.

Pounding each other: Akash and Shiva slug it out. V.V. KRISHNAN

Semifinal results: Men: 51kg: Ankit Sharma (Har) bt Sparsh Kumar (Pun) 5-0, Avinash Chandel (HP) bt Karan Rupini (Tri) 5-0; **57kg:** Muhammad Hussamuddin (SSCB) bt Lallawmawma (Miz) 5-0, Sachin Siwach Jr. (Har) bt Asif Ali (Guj) 5-0; **60kg:** Etash Muhammed (SSCB) bt Pawan Gurung (Utk) 5-0, Vijay Kumar (Pun) bt Myson Moirangthem (Man) 4-1. **67kg:** Sagar (Har) bt Chander Mohan (HP) 3-2, Akash Sangwan (SSCB) bt Shiva Thapa (Asm) 3-2; **75kg:** Nikhil Dubey (Mah) bt Sumit Kundu (SSCB) 4-1, Malsawmitluanga (Miz) bt Puspender Rathee (Goa) 5-0; **80kg:** Sachin Kumar (SSCB) bt Sumit Poonia (Raj) 5-0, Vinit (Har) bt Harpreet (Chd) 5-0; **92kg:** Naveen Kumar (Har) bt Kanwarpreet Singh (Pun) 4-1, Sanjeet (SSCB) bt Neeraj Kumar (Raj) RSC-R1; **+92kg:** Narender (SSCB) bt Reynold Joseph (Mah) 5-0, Sawan Gill (Chd) bt Mohit (Har) RSC-I R1.
Women: 52kg: Minakshi (Har) bt Rashi Sharma (UP) 5-0, Shobhja Kohli (Utk) bt Anjali Sharma (MP) 4-1; **57kg:** Poonam (Har) bt Jamuna Boro (Asm) 4-1, Mandeep Kaur (Pun) bt Savita (Chd) 5-0; **60kg:** Jaismine Lamboria (Har) bt Pravish Konthoujam (Man) 5-0, Simranjit Kaur (Pun) bt Pwilao Basumatary (Asm) 5-0; **66kg:** Ankushita Boro (Asm) bt Lalita (Raj) 5-0, Alena Thounaojam (Man) bt Komalpreet Kaur (Pun) 3-2; **75kg:** Lovlina Borgohain (Asm) bt Ruchita Rajput (Guj) 5-0, Saweety Boora (Har) bt Shretima Thakur (HP) 5-0.

Shrestha hat-trick gives Bengal football gold

Y.B. Sarangi
AHMEDABAD

Captain Narohari Shrestha scored a hat-trick as West Bengal thrashed Kerala 5-0 in the men's football final of the National Games on Tuesday.

Robi Hansda and Amit Chakraborty also found the mark for West Bengal, which claimed the top honour after 11 years.

Coached by former India striker Biswajit Bhattacharya, West Bengal dominated the proceedings after scoring the opener in the 16th minute.

The results: Men: Final: West Bengal 5 (Robi Handsa 16, Narohari Shrestha 30, 45+6, 52, Amit Chakraborty 85) bt Kerala 0.
Bronze medal match: Services 4 (Sunil B. 2, N. Sureh Meitei 7, Sreyas V.G. 13, Liton Shil 57) bt Karnataka 0.

Odisha FC makes an incredible comeback

Sports Bureau
JAMSHEDPUR

Odisha FC scored two late goals to seal a 3-2 win over Jamshedpur FC in a thrilling ISL-9 contest on Tuesday.

Daniel Chukwu and Boris Singh Thangjam gave the hosts a two-goal advantage in the first 10 minutes.

However, Diego Mauricio netted a brace, including the winner, and substitute Isaac Vanmalsawma got on the scoresheet as Odisha scripted a remarkable fightback. Torrential rain delayed the kick off but didn't dampen the spirit of the teams as they played exciting football.

The result:
Jamshedpur FC 2 (Chukwu 3, Thangjam 10) lost to Odisha FC 3 (Mauricio 17 & 90+1, Vanmalsawma 88).

Joining the party: USA's Mia Bhuta, left, added her name to the scoresheet in the 62nd minute. BISWARANJAN ROUT

USA hammers eight past hapless India; Brazil beats Morocco

WOMEN'S U-17 WC

Neeladri Bhattacharjee
BHUBANESWAR

USA hammered India 8-0 to open its Under-17 Women's World Cup campaign in style at the Kalinga Stadium on Tuesday.

USA, which has not made it to the knockouts since 2008, made a statement with the win, announcing it as a favourite to go all the way.

Riley Jackson worked wonders during set pieces, her crosses getting converted by Melina Rebimbas and Charlotte Kohler for the first two goals.

Stunning shot

Onyeka Gamero made it 3-0 in the 26th minute before Melina Rebimbas widened the gap five minutes later with a stunning shot with her second touch.

The match then turned into a practice game for the girls in white.

The cherry on USA's cake was Mia Bhuta's 62nd minute strike. The only United States player of Indian descent in this edition of the World Cup, Mia buried the ball into the net with a left-footed curler from outside the box to complete the rout.

India, on the other hand, failed to land a single shot on target. The embarrassing loss will be a reality check for India and Thomas Dennerby, who has stressed that his team will be "defensively strong and difficult to score against."

Johnson nets winner

In the other match of the day, Brazil beat Morocco 1-0, thanks to Johnson's strike in the fifth minute.

The results:
Morocco 0 lost to Brazil 1 (Johnson 5).
India 0 lost to USA 8 (Melina 9 & 31, Charlotte 15, Onyeka 26, Thompson 39, Ella 51, Taylor 59, Mia 62).

INBRIEF

Shaheen Afridi fit for T20 World Cup

Pakistan's spearhead Shaheen Shah Afridi will be fit and available for the Twenty20 World Cup in Australia, three months after injuring his right knee, the country's cricket board said on Tuesday. The 22-year-old injured his knee during the first Test against Sri Lanka at Galle in July and was forced to miss the Asia Cup (August-September) and the following seven-match T20I home series against England.

Kirsten, Christian join the Netherlands coaching staff

India's World Cup-winning former coach Gary Kirsten and Australia's Dan Christian have joined the Netherlands cricket team as consultants for the upcoming T20 World Cup in Australia. Having qualified for the T20 World Cup in July, the Dutch will take on the United Arab Emirates, Namibia and Sri Lanka in the Group stage matches on October 16, 18 and 20 respectively.

Friends United FC pips Bangalore Eagles

Friends United FC edged out Bangalore Eagles in the BDFA Super Division football league in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

The results: Friends United FC 2 (Mahesh Selva 68, Morton Eugene 82) bt Bangalore Eagles 1 (Tilak Devadatta 70).
FC Bengaluru United 1 (Irfan Yadwad 73) drew with Sporting Club Bengaluru 1 (K. Bernard 43); Roots FC 0 drew with BFC 0

Indian skeet team narrowly misses medal round

The Indian skeet team of Mairaj Ahmad Khan, Gurjoat Khangura and Anant Jeet Singh Narukha shot 215 and missed qualifying for the medal round by four points in the shotgun World Championship in Osijek, Croatia, on Tuesday. It placed ninth as USA, Italy, Cyprus and Czech Republic made the grade. In the women's event, Darshna Rathore, Raiza Dhillon and Maheshwari Chauhan shot 199 to be in 10th spot. USA, Italy, Germany and China made the medal round.

Pragathi Gowda makes Stage-3 cut in FIA Rally Star

Bengaluru's Pragathi Gowda kept Indian hopes alive in the FIA Rally Star Asia-Pacific Final as she qualified for Stage-3 of the competition at the Madras International Circuit (MIC) here on Tuesday. Australia's Jaidyn Gluskie was overall the quickest with the best lap of 1.34.08s over a 1,300-metre course. The 25-year old Pragathi, who clocked the best lap of 1.41.96, was among 12 qualifiers for the final round which will be run on Wednesday when the Asia-Pacific champion is decided.

LIVE TELECAST

National Games: DD Sports & Sony Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 7.30 a.m. onwards
T20I tri-series: Prime Video, 7.30 a.m.
Syed Mushtaq Ali T20: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9, 11 a.m., 1.30 & 4.30 p.m.
Australia vs England: 2nd T20I, Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 1.40 p.m.
ISL: Star Sports 3 & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.
Pro Kabaddi League: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 & 9 p.m.
Champions League: Sony Ten 1, 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10.15 p.m.; Sony Ten 1, 2, 3, Six (SD & HD) & LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

Karnataka men end title drought via sudden death

Prevail over Uttar Pradesh in the final after regulation time ends two goals each; Rani Rampal's strike the difference as Haryana pips Punjab to the women's title

NG HOCKEY

M. R. Praveen Chandran
RAJKOT

Top of the podium: The Karnataka men after winning the gold. RITU RAJ KONWAR

Uttar Pradesh's luck ran out finally in the penalty shootout as Karnataka prevailed in sudden death to win the men's hockey gold of the 36th National Games at the Dhyanchand Hockey Stadium here on Tuesday.

Earlier, Haryana won the women's the women's title with a solitary goal win over Punjab.

In an engrossing men's final, Karnataka stared at defeat when it trailed 1-2 with four minutes remaining. However, Harish Mutagar scored the equaliser to take the match to penalties.

The scores were even after five attempts in the shootout. In sudden death, Karnataka goalkeeper Jagdeep Dayal denied Rajkumar Pal to put pressure on UP's goalkeeper Prashant Kumar, who had helped his side win the shootouts against West Bengal (quarterfinals) and Maharashtra (semifinals).

But Prasanth fouled attacker Mohammed Raheel Moussen and conceded a penalty stroke. Raheel converted the stroke to end Karnataka's title drought in the National Games.

UP started with a flourish earning four penalty corners in the opening five minutes. But the UP penalty corner drills were predictable which Karnataka's defence handled well.

Brilliant counterattack

Karnataka went ahead through a brilliant counterattack. After neutralising another UP penalty corner, defender Sasi Gowda played a long ball to N.M. Surya, who passed to Abharan Sudev who had made his way into the shooting D.

Goalkeeper Prashant Kumar came out of his guard and Sudev's goalbound shot was tapped into an open net by S.V. Sunil in the 25th minute.

UP grabbed the equaliser against the run of play as an unmarked Sumit scored from close in the 47th minute.

Three minutes later, Manish Yadav drilled in a penalty corner to put UP ahead. But Karnataka went for an all out attack and found the equaliser.

Rani Rampal scored the match winner for Haryana in the 30th minute by guiding in a sharp pass from Navneet Kaur. Both sides were guilty of flunking a plethora of penalty corners and open chances.

Haryana managed to preserve its lead as Punjab's forwards lacked the necessary sharpness inside the D. Maharashtra beat Haryana 5-3 on penalties to take the men's bronze while Madhya Pradesh crushed Jharkhand 5-2 for the women's bronze.

The results: Men: Final: Karnataka 2 (S.V. Sunil 25, Harish Mutagar 56) drew with Uttar Pradesh 2 (Sumit 47, Manish Yadav 50). **Sudden death:** Karnataka 6 bt UP 5.
Third place: Maharashtra 2 drew with Haryana 2 (Maharashtra won 3-1 on penalties).
Women: Final: Haryana 1 (Rani Rampal 30) bt Punjab 0.
Third place: Madhya Pradesh 5 (Aishwarya Rajesh Chavan 11, 43, 40, Jyoti Pal 12, Sadhna Senger 49) bt Jharkhand 2 (Salima Tete 37, Deepika Soreng 52).

BFI's new National League starts on October 16

BASKETBALL

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

Two weeks after announcing an October 12 start in Jaipur, there is now a change of venue and dates for the new Indian National Basketball League.

Kochi, which was not among the four INBL venues announced by the Basketball Federation of India late last month, will now host the opening leg of the 5x5 league at the Rajiv Gandhi indoor stadium from October 16 to 20 while Jaipur (Oct. 26-30) and Pune (Dec. 7-11) will be the venues for other two legs in the league phase.

The finals will be played in Bengaluru from January 11 to 15 next year.

The other five teams, which does not have foreign players in its inaugural edition, are Bengaluru, Chandigarh, Chennai, Delhi and Mumbai.

India captain Muin Bek Hafeez is the prominent face in the Chennai team.

The logos and jerseys of the participating teams were unveiled in Mumbai on Tuesday.

Kerala coasts to a facile victory; Padikkal sizzles for Karnataka

MUSHTAQ ALI TROPHY

Sports Bureau

Going berserk: Padikkal scattered the Maharashtra attack all over the park in his century knock.FILE PHOTO: VIJAY SONEJI

Kerala gave caps to three new players, but only one of them was actually required to deliver, as the team opened its campaign with a 10-wicket victory against Arunachal Pradesh in the Syed Mushtaq Ali T20 tournament in Mohali on Tuesday.

In a match reduced by rain to 11-overs-a-side, Kerala's bowlers made life difficult for the Arunachal batters who could only manage 53 for six.

The innings had begun on a promising note, though, with openers Techi Doria (18) and Techi Neri (12) putting on 34, but the former was caught behind off leg-spinner S. Midhun. In the next over, left-arm spinner Sijomon Joseph struck twice and there was no coming back for Arunachal after that.

Midhun also finished with two wickets, while debutant seamer N.P. Basil picked up one. The other debutants for Kerala were Krishna Prasad and Abdul Basith. Rohan Kunnummal, who is going through a Bradmanesque phase in red-ball cricket, and Vishnu Vinod raced to the modest target with more than the half overs to spare. Rohan was unbeaten on 32 (13b, 5x4, 1x6) and Vinod on 23 (16b, 2x4, 1x6).

In another match, Devdutt Padikkal struck an unbeaten 124 (62b, 14x4, 6x6) to power Karnataka to a thumping 99-run victory against Maharashtra. Manish Pandey made 50 off 38 balls (1x4, 4x6) and added 148 for the second wicket.

Wednesday's matches
Group A (Rajkot): Rajasthan vs. Vidarbha; Madhya Pradesh vs. Mumbai; Assam vs. Uttarakhand; Mizoram vs. Railways.
Group B (Jaipur): Hyderabad vs. Pondicherry; Delhi vs. Punjab; Tripura vs. Uttar Pradesh; Goa vs. Manipur.
Group C (Mohali): Maharashtra vs. Services; Karnataka vs. Kerala; Haryana vs. Meghalaya; Arunachal Pradesh vs. Jammu & Kashmir.
Group D (Indore): Baroda vs. Saurashtra; Andhra vs. Himachal Pradesh; Bihar vs. Nagaland.
Group E (Lucknow): Odisha vs. Tamil Nadu; Chhattisgarh vs. Jharkhand; Chandigarh vs. Sikkim.

Maharashtra never really threatened to overtake Karnataka's huge total and was reduced to 34 for six in the ninth over. Divyang Hinganekar top-scored with 47, batting at No. 8. Debutant seamer Vidhwath Kaverappa took three.

TUESDAY'SSCORES

Group A (Rajkot): Mizoram 98/8 in 20 overs (Shreevats Goswami 31) lost to Mumbai 103/1 in 10.3 overs (Prithvi Shaw 55 n.o., Aman Hakim Khan 39 n.o.).
Railways 150/6 in 20 overs (Upendra Yadav 67, Vivek Singh 68, Akash Madhwal 4/25) lost to Uttarakhand 154/3 in 19.3 overs (Avneesh Sudha 31, Jiwanjot Singh 77 n.o.).
Assam 161/5 in 20 overs (Rahul Hazarika 68) lost to Vidarbha 162/4 in 18.5 overs (Aman Mokhade 40, Akshay Wadkar 49 n.o.).
Madhya Pradesh 173/5 in 20 overs (Chanchal Rathore 33, Kuldeep Gehi 31, Venkatesh Iyer 62 n.o., Shubham Sharma 32) bt Rajasthan 135 in 19.2 overs (Yash Kothari 36, Salman Khan 44, Venkatesh Iyer 6/20).
Group B (Jaipur): Delhi 167/7 in 20 overs (Hiten Dalal 47) bt Manipur 96/7 in 20 overs.
Tripura 114/8 in 20 overs (Amit Yadav 3/10) lost to Goa 118/5 in 18.1 overs (Tunish Sawkar 36, Eknath Kerkar 34 n.o.).
Pondicherry 94 in 18.4 overs (Parameeswaran Sivaraman 36, Shiva Singh 3/20) lost to Uttar Pradesh 88/0 in 12.3 overs (Karan Sharma 41 n.o., Aryan Juyal 43 n.o.). **Target revised to 83. UP won by 10 wickets (VJD method).**
Punjab 174/4 in 20 overs (Anmolpreet Singh 50, Mandeep Singh 30, Sanvir Singh 55 n.o.) bt Hyderabad 115 in 18.4 overs (Tilak Varma 50, Abhishek Sharma 3/22, Baltej Singh 3/22).
Group C (Mohali): Arunachal Pradesh 53/6 in 11 overs lost to Kerala 55/0 in 4.5 overs (Rohan Kunnummal 32 n.o.).
Jammu & Kashmir 81/3 in 9 overs lost to Meghalaya 85/2 in 7.3 overs (Punit Bisht 51 n.o.).
Haryana 126 in 18.2 overs (Pulkit Narang 3/18) bt Services 125/7 in 20 overs (Rajat Paliwal 35).
Karnataka 215/2 in 20 overs (Devdutt Padikkal 124 n.o., Manish Pandey 50) bt Maharashtra 116/8 in 20 overs (Divyang Hinganekar 47, Vidhwath Kaverappa 3/19).
Group D (Indore): Nagaland 90/7 in 20 overs (Chetan Bist 36 n.o., Atit Sheth 3/7) lost to Baroda 91/3 in 14 overs (Mitesh Patel 33 n.o.).
Gujarat-Himachal Pradesh, Andhra-Saurashtra matches abandoned.
Group E (Lucknow): Sikkim 100/6 in 20 overs (Pankaj Kumar Rawat 34) lost to Odisha 101/1 in 15.2 overs (Aasirwad Swain 30, Anshy Rath 33 n.o., Subhranshu Senapati 33 n.o.).
Chhattisgarh 132/5 in 20 overs (Harpreet Singh 49, Ajay Mandal 38 n.o.) bt Tamil Nadu 126/9 in 20 overs (C. Hari Nishaanth 33, Ravi Kiran 3/26).
Bengal vs. Jharkhand (Match abandoned).

A television replay can tell between right and wrong — use it

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

Cricket's continuing engagement with moral issues took another turn recently when the Australian Matthew Wade, clearly out obstructing the field in the T20I against England, was allowed to bat on because the fielding side chose not to appeal.

Was England skipper Jos Buttler being excessively sporting – he said later he was in no mood to get into controversies so early on a long tour – and was Wade simply wrong? Yes and yes.

Breaching the law

You can watch the sequence on YouTube. With Australia needing 40 in four overs, Wade top-edges Mark Wood. The bowler seeing a catch runs forward only to be stopped by the batter putting out his hand. It is a violation of Law 37, but the England skipper chooses silence and diplomacy over an appeal and dismissal.

The three rare forms of dismissal in cricket – obstructing the field, handled the ball and hitting the ball twice – call for two conditions to be met. There should be an appeal from the fielding side, and the umpire should be convinced the act was 'willful'.

In Wade's case, a Law had been breached. The umpires knew it, the player knew it and those watching knew it. Still it is one of the idiosyncrasies of the game that no one could do anything about it. There was one way for Wade to make amends – if he threw his wicket away next ball. Such a show of contrition would be both sporting and appropriate – but the modern player is not there to win moral battles. His aim is more concrete and immediate.

This is where the third umpire could come into play, taking *suo moto* notice of the incident like the Supreme Court. There has been an infraction, the evidence is in the television replay, and why should a method used to judge boundaries and stumpings not be used here? Maybe the umpires on the field themselves could be given the power to make the judgement.

Thou shall not pass! Wade gets in the way of Wood. TWITTER

While the England great Len Hutton remains the only batter to be dismissed obstructing the field in Test cricket, the ODI list includes Mohinder Amarnath, Inzamam-ul-Haq and Ben Stokes. The only other batter dismissed in T20I is the Englishman Jason Roy.

Rare mode of dismissal

So it is a rare mode of dismissal, and unlike 'mankading' which, despite the recent ruling, has an ethical component, there isn't any attached to an appeal for obstructing the field.

In assuming there is, and that it needs to be observed, Buttler was overegging the pudding as it were, trying too hard. His reason suggests that had this happened in the middle of their stay in Australia or towards the end of it, he would have appealed. That might sound pragmatic, but makes no cricketing sense. England won in the end, so it didn't matter.

To his credit, there is a reluctance in the game to appeal for dismissals where the bowler has not earned the wicket.

Hence the cloud over the three forms mentioned above, as well as in 'mankading'. But somehow it is only the last-named which has wrapped itself in moral clothing, leaving the others with no particular stigma attached. One of those peculiarities sport is known for.

It is unfair to expect the batter to make amends for the sporting or pragmatic decision of the opposition captain that hamstrings the umpire. But a gesture would have raised the tone of the game and the reputation of the player had one been made.

Genuine sportsmanship

At a recent gathering where the badminton ace Prakash Padukone was present, one of the guests recalled how decades ago, the umpire gave a wrong calling in the Indian's favour in an international. "I will never forget," the guest said, "how Prakash deliberately hit the next point out and the service changed hands (this was the old scoring system)." Would you have regretted it had you lost, I asked Prakash, and his answer was, "No. It was the right thing to do."

Gundappa Vishwanath feels the same way about his recalling Bob Taylor in the Jubilee Test all those years ago, an act that led to India losing. "I would do the same today," he says simply.

If sport cannot be sporting, then what can?